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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers
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SUBJECT: 2016-2017 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Ordering Instructions

SUMMARY

VFC's online influenza (flu) ordering confirmation system will be available from **August 2, 2016** to **August 12, 2016** at www.EZIZ.org. Provider will need to log in to MyVFCVaccines to review, modify, and submit confirmed vaccine allocations for their practice.

Unconfirmed allocations remaining in the system after **August 12, 2016** will be released into the supplemental flu ordering vaccine supply. These doses will be available to all providers on a first-come, first-served basis during supplemental flu ordering.

KEY STEPS FOR CONFIRMING YOUR 2016-2017 FLU VACCINE DOSES

Report Unused Expired Doses

If your practice has any unused, expired influenza doses from the 2015-2016 season, make sure these doses were removed from your refrigerator and reported to VFC using a Return/Transfer form, available from MyVFCVaccines. This must be done before confirming your allocation for this year.

Order Confirmation Timelines

Once the online Flu Order Confirmation process begins, providers will have approximately two (2) weeks to review and confirm allocated doses. Ensure that clinic staff members who are responsible for confirming flu allocations are aware of this timeline to meet the **August 12, 2016** deadline.

Vaccine Usage and Inventory Reporting

As with all other VFC-supplied vaccines, tracking the administration of VFC flu doses is required for each practice. Doses administered must be documented on [VFC's 2016-2017 Flu Usage Log](#) (or a similar form) and reported to the VFC Program as part of the submission process for supplemental vaccine ordering.

Providers may also use CAIR (or a similar immunization registry) or an electronic health record system which tracks administered doses to generate vaccine usage reports.



2016-2017 VFC INFLUENZA PRODUCTS AND SUPPLY AVAILABILITY

Below is a listing of all influenza products available through VFC for the 2016-2017 season. Due to limited supply, Flucelvax[®] will only be allocated to select providers during Primary Flu Confirmation but will be available for all providers to order during Supplemental Flu:

Brand	Manufacturer	Packaging	Age Group Indication
Fluzone [®] PF Pediatric Dose Quadrivalent	Sanofi Pasteur	10 pack – single dose syringes, 0.25mL	6-35 months
Fluzone [®] Quadrivalent	Sanofi Pasteur	10 dose vial, 5mL (Multi-dose vial)	3-18 years
Fluarix [®] PF Quadrivalent	GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)	10 pack – single dose syringes, 0.5mL	Fluzone [®] Quadrivalent multi-dose vials may be used in children 3-18 years of age (excluding pregnant teens)
Fluzone [®] PF Quadrivalent	Sanofi Pasteur	10 pack – single dose syringes, 0.5mL	
Flucelvax [®] PF Quadrivalent	Seqiris	10 pack – single dose syringes, 0.5mL	

Note: On June 22, 2016 ACIP issued an interim recommendation to *not* use Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) during the 2016-2017 flu season. Therefore, FluMist[®] will not be offered as part of the VFC Program during the 2016-2017 flu season. California's VFC providers will receive the same number of influenza vaccine doses; however, the products will all be injectable. In addition, VFC providers will not be allowed to swap or change allocated products this season.

Vaccine Allocations

Doses allocated to each VFC provider are based on:

- the number of initially allocated doses of each flu product received the preceding season, and
- available vaccine supply pre-booked for distribution to California VFC providers.

The system will display allocated products by brand for VFC-eligible children in two age categories. For both age categories, the provider may only decrease the number of allocated doses for each allocated product:

- 6 – 35 months of age
- 3 – 18 years of age

Newly enrolled providers with limited or no vaccine distribution history will have limited allocations. Providers may contact the VFC Customer Service Center or their VFC Field Representative if their VFC-eligible patient population has significantly increased since their enrollment date.

Confirming Your Clinic's Vaccine Allocation

When confirming your allocation, consider your seasonal flu vaccine needs for your VFC-eligible patients as well as the number of unused doses returned from the 2015-2016 flu season. Influenza vaccine is routinely recommended for all VFC patients age 6 months through 18 years of age. If additional doses are needed beyond the initial allocation, providers may request additional doses during supplemental flu ordering.

VFC Review of Submitted Vaccine Allocations

VFC will review allocation requests and approve them based on available vaccine supply. VFC will email the final approved brand allocations for each practice **in late August 2016**.

All confirmed allocations will remain in queue until flu vaccine supplies are received at VFC's national vaccine distributor.

The VFC Program will notify all providers via email when flu products are received at the distribution center and delivery of approved orders begins.

VACCINE SHIPMENTS

Influenza vaccine supplies for different manufacturers arrive at VFC's national vaccine distributor at different times and in multiple shipments throughout the season. Therefore, providers will receive their allocated vaccine doses in multiple shipments throughout the season.

VFC INFLUENZA PROGRAM LETTER AND ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS

The annual VFC Influenza Program letter, which includes detailed information regarding this season's ACIP influenza vaccination recommendations, product dosage and administration, storage and handling guidelines, and other important information, will be released once recommendations are published by the CDC.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please call the VFC Customer Service Center at 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC). You can also contact your VFC Representative or visit our website, www.EZIZ.org.

cc: Local Health Department Immunization Coordinators

Enclosure:
2016-2017 Flu Order Confirmation Quick Guide