



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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2013-2014 Seasonal Flu Update

Dear VFC Provider,

Please refer to the following Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Update:

VFC's Annual Influenza Program Letter

The VFC Annual Influenza Program letter has been e-mailed to all providers and posted at www.eziz.org.

Vaccine Supply

The California Vaccines for Children Program has received an initial supply of influenza vaccines at VFC's national vaccine distributor. It is expected that multiple subsequent shipments will be received over the next months to complete the state's vaccine supply pre-booked for the 2013-2014 influenza season.

Order Processing & Shipments

Given the current flu inventory availability, VFC will begin to process all confirmed provider orders for the flu products listed below. Vaccine shipments can be expected to begin arriving towards the end of the week of August 26th, 2013.

- Sanofi Fluzone® Pediatric formulation (0.25mL). 6-35 month Age group.
- GSK Fluarix® Preservative free syringes. 3-18 Years Age Group.
- MedImmune's® FluMist. Healthy 2-18 Years Age Group.

All confirmed requests for 100 doses or less of these products below will be shipped in full. Providers confirming orders over 100 doses for any of the above categories will receive 25% of their orders with this initial shipment. Subsequent shipments for the remaining order balance for these products will be automatically processed and shipped as additional vaccine doses become available.

Order processing for the Sanofi Fluzone® Multi-Dose vials will begin as soon as inventory is received.

Preparation for Flu Shipments – Shipping Hours

Flu vaccine orders will be shipped to providers according to providers' shipping hours that were provided. Please make sure that VFC has the most current shipping hours for your practice to ensure prompt receipt of orders. To view and update your practice's shipping hours, log onto your MyVFCVaccines account on eziz.org and then click the "Update Practice Information" link. **IMPORTANT:** if your practice will be on vacation and will be unable to receive vaccine shipments, please contact the VFC Customer Service line at 1-877-243-8832.

Supplemental Flu Orders

Providers not able to confirm orders by the order confirmation deadline, or those wishing to receive additional doses, will still have the opportunity to submit a supplemental vaccine request, once Supplemental Flu Ordering is opened up to all providers later in the flu season. VFC will inform you once this occurs.

Are you not receiving VFC's emailed program letters and communications?

Visit our website at www.eziz.org and log into MyVFCVaccines to check your email address. Also be sure to check your spam folder!