



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Reminder: Deadline for confirming 2011-2012 flu doses is next Wednesday, July 20, 2011.

Dear VFC Provider,

On June 29th, 2011, VFC announced the availability of VFC's Order Confirmation System for the submission of this year's seasonal flu vaccine requests. You may access the system and find a copy of the provider notice and order confirmation instructions on www.eziz.org.

The Order Confirmation System is available much earlier than in previous years, and well in advance of vaccine availability, in order to ensure all confirmed orders are ready for fulfillment once flu vaccine supply becomes available this fall. When confirming and submitting your seasonal flu vaccine request, please keep in mind the following:

System Access: You may access the system through www.eziz.org, and log-in using your clinic's PIN and zip code. Please contact VFC's Customer Service Center for assistance in the event a log-in issue is encountered.

Allocations: Each practice has seasonal flu vaccine allocations, which are based on doses received the preceding season and on this year's flu vaccine supply. Upon log-in, please review, verify, and confirm your allocations. Keep in mind that you may reduce allocated doses, but cannot increase them. If additional doses are needed or would like to receive doses of an unallocated vaccine type, you may request them during supplemental ordering.

Deadline: All orders MUST be submitted July 20th, 2011. Unconfirmed doses after the deadline will be released into a general vaccine supply available to all providers, on a first-come, first-serve basis, during supplemental flu ordering.

Vaccine Shipments: Confirmed orders will be held until vaccine supplies are available at VFC's national vaccine distributor (Early Fall 2011). We will notify you when shipments of approved orders begin. Please expect to receive confirmed doses in multiple shipments throughout the season.

VFC's Annual Influenza Program letter, containing specific information on this year's flu vaccine composition, ACIP recommendations, dosing, and billing information, will be sent in advance of flu shipments.

For any questions, please call the VFC Program at (877) 243-8832

AB354 Reminder: Help your patients meet their new 7th through 12th Grade Tdap Requirement! Vaccinate ASAP to reduce the back-to-school rush. If appointment slots are booked up, offer Tdap only during walk-in or after-hours time blocks, and then bring patients back for comprehensive care.