



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Influenza Update

Dear VFC Provider,

Please refer to the following influenza season and vaccine supply update:

Influenza Season Update and Vaccination Reminder

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), flu activity in the United States has sustained an increase for several weeks in a row. The national percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for influenza continue to rise, indicating flu season has begun, with a very late start.
- The timing of flu seasons is unpredictable and varies on its start and end timing. Flu season can begin as early as October and last as late as May. This year, we are experiencing a late flu season, and therefore, likely to peak late as well.
- Geographic distribution of influenza in California remains widespread.
- If you have not gotten all your patients vaccinated and protected against flu, please take advantage of every visit as an opportunity to administer an influenza shot, and remember to recall patients needing a second dose.

Current Vaccine Supply

Doses of the following products are currently available through VFC's Supplemental Ordering:

- Fluzone 0.25mL Pediatric Formulation
- Fluzone MDV

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