



# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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## 2012/2013 Influenza Vaccine Order Confirmation

Dear VFC Provider,

On June 18th, 2012, VFC announced the availability of VFC's Order Confirmation System for the submission of this year's seasonal flu vaccine requests. Visit [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org) to find a copy of the provider notice and order confirmation instructions.

As a reminder, orders must be confirmed by **July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Unconfirmed doses after the deadline will be released into a general vaccine supply available to all providers during supplemental flu ordering. When confirming your seasonal flu vaccine allocation, please keep in mind the following:

- You can access the system through [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org), logging in to MYVFCVaccines using your VFC PIN and zip code. Once logged in, you will see a 'Flu Vaccine Order' button to access your clinic's allocations.
- Please review, verify, and confirm your allocations. Allocations are based on vaccine supply and doses you received the preceding season. You may reduce total allocated doses or shift doses among different brands in the 2-18 age category (as long as the sum of requested doses does not exceed total allocation). However, you cannot increase allocations. If additional doses are needed, you may request them during supplemental ordering. If you have any questions please call the VFC Program at (877) 243-8832.
- Upon confirmation, the system will generate an automatic notification via e-mail. A second e-mail will be issued to all providers in late July with final approved allocations.
- Orders will be held until vaccine supplies are available at VFC's national vaccine distributor (Early Fall 2012). VFC will notify you when shipments of approved orders begin. Please expect to receive confirmed doses in multiple shipments.
- 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.

Important reminder about returning any expired flu vaccine from this past flu season:

- All expired and spoiled seasonal VFC flu doses **must** be promptly removed from your refrigerator and returned to McKesson Specialty. Complete a VFC Return and Transfer Form electronically and submit it to VFC. Print a copy and include it with your vaccine shipment. You may download a paper version of the form at [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org) and FAX it to VFC.
- When packaging vaccines, clearly label the outside of the container "EXPIRED VACCINES ENCLOSED". ONLY return any unopened vials, syringes, and nasal sprayer packages of seasonal flu vaccine. NEVER return used syringes, with or without needles, open vials, diluent, or other pharmaceuticals.

**Note VFC Call Center's limited hours of operation this week due to staff trainings:  
7/10/12 closed, from 10am to 1:30 pm & 7/11/2012, closed all day.  
Orders will continue to be accepted through our on-line ordering system, MyVFCVaccines.**