

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

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## **VFC Flu Vaccine Supply Update**

Dear VFC Provider,

As we approach the winter months and holiday seasons please make sure children and adolescents in your practice are protected against the flu. CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine each year. Screen patients at every visit to make sure they're up-to-date with their annual flu vaccination. Also keep in mind those children requiring two doses of influenza vaccine will need to be reminded to come back for their second dose!

## Additional doses of influenza vaccine are available through supplemental ordering:

- If you have received all ordered doses for a particular product/formulation and still need more doses, you may submit supplemental flu order.
- Doses are currently available for all formulations.
- With every order, you will need to provide the number of influenza doses your practice administered since the last order.
- Your request likely will be shipped in full. Make sure you can store all the doses you request.

## **MedImmune's FluMist® Replacement Program:**

- Unused, FluMist® doses with an expiration date between August 2012 and January 31, 2013 can be replaced at no cost through FluMist® Replacement Program.
- Replacement request can be made by calling McKesson Specialty Health's MedImmune FluMist® CDC Replacement request line at **1-877-633-7375**. McKesson Specialty will provide detailed instructions on the return paperwork and will arrange a pickup of doses to be replaced.
- Upon receipt and verification of returned doses, replacement doses will be shipped at no cost.
- More details on the replacement can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/forms/default.htm