

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Reminder: 2013/2014 Influenza Vaccine Order Confirmation due July 26, 2013

Dear VFC Provider,

On June 25th, 2013, 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 to find a copy of the provider notice and order confirmation instructions. As a reminder, orders must be confirmed by July 26th, 2013. Unconfirmed doses after the deadline will be released into a general vaccine supply available to all providers during supplemental flu ordering.

Confirming Allocations

- Access VFC's Flu Online order confirmation through <u>www.eziz.org</u>. Log into 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.
- Review your practice's information and shipping information.
- Review, modify (if needed), and confirm your allocations. Allocations are based on total vaccine doses received by the practice during the preceding season, and expected flu vaccine supply expected this season.
- You may reduce total allocated doses or shift doses among different brands in the 2-18 age category (Sum of requested doses cannot exceed total allocation). Allocations cannot be increased; if additional doses are needed, you may request them during supplemental ordering.
- Upon confirmation of allocations, the system will generate an automatic notification via e-mail. A second e-mail will be issued to all providers in early August 2013 with final approved allocations.
- Orders will be held until vaccine supplies are available at VFC's national vaccine distributor (Early Fall 2013). 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.

Return of 2012-2013 Expired Flu Vaccine

- All expired and spoiled seasonal VFC flu doses must be promptly removed from your refrigerator and returned to McKesson Specialty. Complete a VFC Return 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 and FAX it to VFC.
- Doses reported in your Return form must match actual doses returned to McKesson.

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