

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Reminder: 2015-2016 VFC Flu Vaccine Order Confirmation Due August 4, 2015

Dear VFC Provider,

On July 17, 2015, VFC announced the availability of VFC's Flu Order Confirmation System for this year's seasonal flu vaccine requests. As a reminder, flu doses must be confirmed by **Tuesday**, **August 4, 2015.** Unconfirmed doses after the deadline will be released into a general vaccine supply available to all providers during supplemental flu ordering.

Key steps for confirming your 2015-2016 flu vaccine doses:

- Login to MyVFCVaccines on <u>www.eziz.org</u> using your VFC PIN and zip code.
- If your clinic had any unused flu doses left over from the 2014-2015 flu season, and you have not submitted a VFC Return Form through MyVFCVaccines, please complete this prior to confirming your flu doses.
- To access your clinic's allocations, click on the 'Flu Order' button on your MyVFCVaccines page. Review the detailed instructions.
- For each flu product from the 2014-2015 flu season, enter the total number of unused flu doses you reported on MyVFCVaccines.
- Review, modify (if needed), and confirm your allocations. Allocations are based on total flu vaccine doses received by your practice last season and the number of doses your practice had left unused last season.
- You may reduce total allocated doses or shift doses among different brands in the 3-18 years 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 flu ordering.
- Upon confirmation of allocations, the system will generate an automatic notification via e-mail. VFC will review confirmed allocation requests and approve them based on available vaccine supply. VFC will e-mail the final approved brand allocations for your practice mid-August 2015.
- 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.

If you have additional questions, please call the VFC Customer Service Line at 1-877-243-8832.

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