



# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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## Influenza Supply Update: Vaccine Ordering & FLUMIST<sup>®</sup> Replacement Program Information

Dear VFC Provider,

Please refer to the following flu vaccine supply and ordering updates:

### Influenza Vaccination and Current Vaccine Supply

The following influenza products are still available for ordering through the Program's Supplemental Flu Ordering Site. Supplemental orders are accepted throughout flu season, as supplies permits:

- Fluzone<sup>®</sup> Preservative-free Pediatric dose Syringes (0.25mL) 10 pack - 1 dose (ages 6-35 months)
- FluMist, Live Intranasal Intranasal Spray (0.2mL) 10 pack-1 dose (Healthy 2-18 years year olds)

When placing supplemental requests, keep in mind that vaccination should continue throughout the winter months, even after the holiday break! Oftentimes, influenza disease peaks in late January and February in the US. Ensure your practice is actively recalling children 8 years of age and younger needing a second dose of flu vaccine.

### FluMist<sup>®</sup> Replacement Program

We encourage you to take advantage of MedImmune's FluMist<sup>®</sup> replacement program to replace doses of VFC-supplied FluMist<sup>®</sup> with an expiration date **between August 2011 and January 31, 2012**. These doses may be returned directly to McKesson Specialty in exchange for doses with a longer expiration date.

- All requests must be submitted by January 31, 2012 and expired/expiring doses must be received by McKesson by Friday, February 17, 2012.
- Replacement Program Details are included in the second page of this communication, and are posted on [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org).
- The replacement Program is an independent Program separate from VFC. VFC does not have access to any Replacement order status. For questions regarding the status of replacement requests, please call McKesson Specialty's Replacement Request line directly at 1-877-633-7375.

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