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TO: California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

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SUBJECT: Pre-Book VFC Flu Vaccine for the Upcoming 2019-2020 Influenza Season

The California VFC Program is getting ready to prepare and submit its annual influenza vaccine supply pre-book for the upcoming 2019-2020 flu season, starting this fall. Due to the number of products available for pediatric influenza vaccination for the 2019-2020 influenza season, the California VFC Program would like to consider the participating provider's anticipated vaccine need, as well as brand preference, when formulating our 2019-2020 Seasonal Influenza Pre-book to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This will help ensure that the flu vaccines made available by the VFC Program reflect your seasonal flu vaccine needs. To help in the planning process, we are requesting that all VFC providers complete a VFC flu vaccine pre-book for the 2019-2020 Flu Season.

DEADLINE TO PRE-BOOK 2019-2020 VFC FLU VACCINE

Pre-book requests for your 2019-2020 VFC flu vaccine must be submitted no later than **January 31, 2019**. Due to the short turnaround time for California to pre-book flu doses from the CDC, we will not be able to offer any extensions beyond this due date. If no brand preference is submitted, VFC will allocate brands for ordering based on available products.

2019-2020 PRE-BOOK PROCESS

Log-in to your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account and click on the "Pre-book Flu Vaccine for 2019-2020" button.

In order to facilitate your pre-book process, VFC will display a target number of influenza vaccine doses, and the total number of doses ordered thus far in the current season. Please use this information to supplement your clinic's seasonal influenza data for VFC-eligible patients to guide your clinic's vaccine need for the 2019-2020 season. Every



patient 6 months and older is recommended to receive an influenza vaccine annually!
Some may need 2 doses.

Step 1 – Review Your Seasonal Influenza Data

- Run flu usage reports (registry, EMR, EHR) for the current influenza season.
- Run patient population reports refer to your clinic's VFC Recertification for patient estimates.
- Determine how many patients will need more than one dose.
- Ensure that the number of doses requested will be enough to immunize and protect all your VFC-eligible patients against the flu.

Step 2 – Review Seasonal Targets and Doses Received in the Current Season

- Review the target number of doses for the 2019-2020 season as provided and adjust as needed.
- Although you are not required to request the full season target, if the number of doses confirmed is significantly less than the season target, you will be requested to provide a reason for the reduction.
- For newly enrolled providers the seasonal target may not reflect the total doses that will be needed for the season. If needed, you may request doses beyond the seasonal target.

Step 3 – Allocate Seasonal Doses by Brand Preference

- Enter the number of doses you will need for the 2019-2020 season by brand.
- All fields must be filled out. If no doses are requested for a brand, enter 0.
- The page will display the total number of doses requested for the entire season. Once VFC's Initial Flu Order system is launched in late summer, you may indicate the number of doses that you want to receive for your initial shipments.

PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-BOOK

IMPORTANT: Brand preference is not a guarantee of actual products that will be available for 2019-2020 VFC Flu Ordering. Final products available for ordering through the VFC Program will be dependent upon doses approved by CDC. Once our Pre-booked doses are approved by CDC, VFC will confirm provider pre-booked doses. Once confirmed, you are responsible for all doses confirmed within approved brands.

Age Group	Product	Presentation	Manufacturer
6 months-18 years	Fluarix® *	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, No Preservative, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack*	GSK
6 months-18 years	FluLaval® *	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, No Preservative, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack*	GSK
3-18 years (pending FDA licensure for 6 months-18 years)	Fluzone®	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, No Preservative, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack*	Sanofi
2-18 years	Flumist®	Live Attenuated, Quadrivalent, 0.20mL nasal sprayer	AstraZeneca
3-18 years	Fluzone®	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, Preservative-containing, 5mL multi-dose vial*	Sanofi
4-18 years	Flucelvax®	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, No Preservative, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack	Seqirus

**Preservative-free vaccines should be prioritized for administration to pregnant teens under 18 years of age but may also be used in children 3-18 years of age. According to the Health and Safety Code Section 124172, pregnant women or children younger than three years old may only receive vaccine doses that contain trace levels or no mercury.*

NEXT STEPS AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR PRE-BOOK

VFC Review of Pre-Book Requests

After January 31, 2019, the California VFC Program will review 2019-2020 Flu Pre-Book requests and will utilize this information to determine which products and how many doses to order from CDC.

Initial Flu Orders

Providers will still be expected to submit initial flu order shipment confirmations later this summer. A communication will be sent once you can begin confirming your initial 2019-2020 flu vaccine order.

CURRENT 2018-2019 FLU SEASON

Our current flu season is not over yet. Influenza activity is now widespread and increasing throughout California. Continue to reach out to children and adolescents in your practice, especially those with a higher risk of severe influenza, who have not yet received their influenza vaccine this season. Place a supplemental flu vaccine order if additional flu vaccine is needed.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please call the VFC Customer Service Center at 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC).