

Vaccines for Children Program

End-of-Season VFC Flu Vaccine Ordering Report is Coming Soon!

Dear VFC Provider,

In the next couple of days, we will be sending you your practice's End-of-Season VFC Flu Vaccine Ordering Report. We encourage you to share it with your colleagues, including medical assistants, clinicians, medical directors, clinic managers, and quality improvement (QI) staff. Your *End-of-Season Flu Vaccine Ordering Report* will show how well you met your VFC Flu Vaccine Target for the 2020-2021 season, a calculation based on your ordering history of other routinely-recommended childhood vaccines. This report will indicate the percentage of your target met and subsequent rating (Excellent, Very Good, Good, Needs Improvement). VFC providers who achieved an "Excellent" rating this season, as well as those who had at least a 30% improvement from the previous flu season, will be recognized on EZIZ.org. For your convenience, you can also view your reports in your MyVFCvaccines account.

If you met your 2020-2021 VFC flu vaccine target this year, congratulations! Remember, if you're looking to improve, or just keep up your good work, now is the time to start planning for flu season. If you are vaccinating adolescents age 12 and older against COVID-19, it is possible to co-administer with all childhood vaccines, including flu. Protecting your patients against flu is more critical now than ever, as we aim to minimize the impact of combating both COVID-19 and flu, two respiratory illnesses, at once.

What can you do?

We encourage you to use VFC's <u>Flu Action Plan: 3 Habits of Highly Successful VFC Clinics</u> to help your clinical team prepare for flu season during the summer. The Action Plan includes many easy "early-start" best practice strategies that your clinic can readily implement to get ready for flu season. Gather your staff, choose at least two strategies, and get started! Ensure everyone in your team is

recommending influenza vaccine in the same way they recommend other routine immunizations.

The VFC Program will partner with you throughout flu season

VFC will work with your practice to ensure that you have an adequate supply of VFC flu vaccine for your VFC patient population. Watch for our VFC communication about initial flu orders. Should the doses allocated for your initial flu order recorded in our system fall short of your needs for the beginning of the season, we're here to help! Your practice will have the ability to order flu vaccine throughout the flu season. Together we will save lives!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the VFC Program at 877-243-8832.

In recognition of all you are doing under extraordinary circumstances, thank you so much for protecting California children. Our VFC team supports you in protecting California's kids against influenza!

