



California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program 2023-2024 Initial Flu Order Confirmation Quick Guide

The VFC Program's Initial Flu Order Confirmation system will be available to VFC Providers through **myVFCVACCINES** from **August 14, 2023 through August 24, 2023**.

ORDER SUBMISSION

Not all providers need to confirm their initial order! For providers who submitted a 2023-2024 pre-book, VFC has automatically confirmed 50% of your confirmed pre-book for your initial order. Vaccine will arrive in multiple shipments once supply is available. No further action is required.

However, the Initial Flu Order Confirmation system is available at **myVFCVACCINES** for:

1. Providers who did not submit a pre-book in January 2023. The number of doses available for the initial flu order are a percentage of your 2023-2024 season target. Additional doses may be requested in Phase 3 of VFC Flu Ordering starting this Fall.
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2. Providers who would like to receive **less** than 50% of their confirmed pre-book.

Keep in mind:

- The maximum number of doses that may be requested for the initial flu order will be displayed by brand.
- Doses allocated for the initial order cannot be shifted between brands.
- Providers have two (2) weeks to review and confirm their initial flu order.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FLU VACCINATION SEASON

PLAN for upcoming flu season

Discuss and outline key strategies to achieve high influenza vaccination coverage rates for your patients and decrease missed opportunities for vaccination.

- Review the [Flu Action Plan: 3 Habits of Highly Successful VFC Clinics](#) (IMM-1274) with staff and implement strategies not currently in use.
- Use the presumptive approach – don't ask! Tell patients they are due for flu vaccination.
- Review talking points for vaccine hesitant parents on [EZIZ.org](#) and [CDC.gov](#)

PREPARE for your initial flu order:

Return expired flu from the previous season. If your practice has any expired flu doses from the previous flu season, immediately remove them from your refrigerator and submit an online Return/Transfer form.

Make sure you can store all the doses. Initial orders will be sent in multiple shipments as vaccine supply arrives at VFC's national vaccine distribution center. Orders cannot be canceled once sent for fulfillment.

Watch out for email notifications that will be sent to the practice's vaccine coordinator and back-up coordinator upon processing of the order. Flu vaccine orders are processed as VFC receives inventory and orders are sent to the VFC Program's national vaccine distributor for fulfillment.

Ensure your clinic's open hours for vaccine delivery are up-to-date at all times, especially for the weeks that initial flu orders will be delivered. Successful and timely delivery of your shipment depends on your delivery information listed in your "MyVFCVaccines" account.

AFTER initial orders:

Order additional doses during Phase 3 of VFC Flu Ordering (starting this Fall) as needed throughout the season. The initial order is to get your practice started for the season.

Report flu vaccine doses administered since the previous order and current on-hand inventory before accessing the routine vaccine order form during Phase 3 of VFC Flu Ordering.