



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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INFLUENZA ACTIVITY CONTINUES – PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS!

Dear VFC Provider,

Influenza activity continues to be widespread and elevated. At least 37 deaths in children nationwide, many of whom were unvaccinated, have been reported thus far.

Please continue to immunize children and adolescents who have not yet received their influenza vaccine this season, especially those with a higher risk of severe influenza because they have chronic conditions or are younger than 5 years of age.

Also, please use your reminder and recall systems to complete immunization of children 6 months through 8 years of age who are recommended for 2 doses this season if they have not received at least 2 doses prior to July 2017.

Additional influenza vaccine doses have been received through CDC's vaccine stockpile to support your clinic's ongoing vaccination efforts. These products are currently available through the VFC Program's Supplemental Flu Ordering system.

All products are in single dose-syringes, quadrivalent, inactivated and contain no preservative.

Age	Product	Supply Information
6-35 Months	Pediatric Fluzone® (0.25 mL dose)	<i>! Additional doses received; available to all providers.</i>
	FluLaval® (0.5 mL dose)	Please limit use for ONLY patients 6-35 months of age despite product license information.
3-18 Years	Fluzone® (0.5 mL dose)	<i>! New doses received; available to all providers.</i>
	Flucelvax® (0.5 mL dose)	For use in children at least 4 years of age.

Please ensure your supplemental order accurately reflects 1) VFC flu vaccine doses administered since your last flu order and 2) the number of VFC flu doses on-hand by lot number.

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