



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IS ELEVATED NATIONWIDE, WIDESPREAD IN CALIFORNIA – PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS!

Dear VFC Provider,

Influenza activity is now widespread and increasing throughout the state. Flu vaccination is the first line of defense to prevent flu; it also helps prevent severe outcomes of flu, including hospitalization and death. Influenza can be deadly; and sadly, it has already claimed the lives of two children in our state this season.

As a VFC Provider, we thank you for your ongoing efforts in helping parents understand why influenza vaccination is important: Flu vaccines have been shown to be life-saving in children. We urge your clinic to take the following actions to make sure your patients are protected:

1. 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.
2. Recall children 6 months through 8 years of age needing their second dose of influenza vaccine (those who have not received at least 2 flu vaccine doses prior to July 2018). Their second dose should be administered at least 4 weeks apart.
3. Check your inventory levels and place a supplemental flu vaccine order as need. Additional doses have been received through CDC's vaccine stockpile to support your clinic's ongoing vaccination efforts. Available products are listed below.

Age	Product	Supply Information Notes
6-35 Months	Pediatric Fluzone® (0.25 mL single dose syringe)	Doses available to all providers.
3-18 Years	Fluzone® (0.5 mL single dose syringe)	<i>! Limited doses available-Please limit use in children 3-4 years of age.</i>
	Fluzone® (5 mL multi-dose vial)	Doses available to all providers.
4-18 Years	Flucelvax® (0.5 mL single dose syringe)	Doses available to all providers.