



Dear EZIZ Users,

In response to provider reports of challenges procuring specific types of needles and needle/syringe sets, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released the following guidance, "[How to Respond to Problems with Purchasing Needles for Influenza and Other Routine Vaccinations](#)." As demand for influenza vaccination in some locations may be high, supplies of specific types of needles and needle/syringe sets may be limited or even temporarily unavailable.

CDC reassures providers that there are **no widespread shortages of syringes/needles**. Adequate supplies are expected to be available to support both the 2020–2021 influenza vaccination program and routine vaccination efforts.

The [CDC guidelines](#) provide detailed steps to take if you encounter difficulty in purchasing needles or needle/syringe sets. If you continue to encounter difficulties in procuring the needed supply after working through the suggested steps, please contact the Immunization Service Center at 800-232-4636 (800-CDC-INFO) or by email at nipinfo@cdc.gov and report any supply disruptions to the FDA device shortages mailbox at deviceshortages@fda.hhs.gov.