



Your VFC Mid-Season Flu Progress Report Coming Soon!

Dear VFC provider,

In the next few days, we will be sending you your practice's **Mid-Season Flu Vaccine Ordering Progress Report**. We encourage you to share it with your colleagues, including medical assistants, clinicians, and quality improvement (QI) staff. Your *Mid-Season Flu Vaccine Ordering Progress Report* will show progress toward your VFC Flu Vaccine Target as of mid-January 2021. Like last season, we will send your *End-of-Season Report* in July 2021, indicating the percentage of your target met and subsequent rating (Excellent, Very Good, Good, Needs Improvement). VFC providers who achieve an "Excellent" rating by June 30, 2021 will be recognized on EZIZ.org. For your convenience, you can also view your reports in your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account.

As a refresher, your "*VFC Flu Vaccine Target*" is our estimate of the number of flu vaccine doses your practice needs to order to protect your VFC-eligible patients against influenza. Your target is based on the number of VFC-eligible patients your practice immunized against all other routine pediatric vaccines during the past year, as reported on your VFC vaccine orders.

If you are close to reaching your VFC flu Vaccine Target, congratulations! If not, there is still time to implement key strategies into your VFC [flu action plan](#). We now know from our recent *2020 Fall VFC Flu Activities Survey* that more than half (54%) of VFC clinics that responded to the survey are already using the Flu Action Plan. If you are looking to improve your last season's rating, consider selecting 2-3 action plan key strategies, such as (1) use the presumptive approach to routinely recommend flu vaccine: "I see that Johnny hasn't gotten his flu shot yet. I'll get that ready for him now so we can protect him from flu." (2) identify patients still due for flu vaccine, and (3) recall patients due for their first or second dose of flu vaccine.

We also learned from the survey that 39% of VFC clinics used their VFC Flu Vaccine Target or Flu Progress Report last season to help them with their flu vaccine pre-book in January. With flu prebook right around the corner, **we strongly recommend that you share your Mid-Season Flu Progress Report and VFC Flu Vaccine Target with your clinic decision-makers in charge of ordering flu vaccine. Use these as guides to help with pre-booking flu vaccine for next flu season (2021-2022).**

Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥ 6 months. There is still time to order and administer more VFC flu vaccine, along with other routinely recommended immunizations for your patients! Every visit is an opportunity to protect your patients. If you are concerned about having too much flu vaccine in the refrigerator, keep in mind that you can order as little as 10 doses per week. Administer flu vaccine until the last dose expires, usually in June. We are confident that taking even small steps today will result in vast improvement tomorrow. Our VFC team supports you in protecting California's kids against influenza!

This is an extraordinary time to practice medicine. We thank you for the many extra efforts you and your team are making to protect your patients and staff during the pandemic.

Thank you,



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