VFC Update



Vaccines for Children Program

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Additional VFC Influenza Vaccine Ordering System Now Available!

Submit Additional Influenza Vaccine Orders Now and Throughout the Season

Phase 3 of the California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program's influenza vaccine order process, "Additional Influenza Vaccine Ordering" is now open. This third phase allows practices to request the remaining doses of flu vaccine from their pre-booked or allocated amounts to protect VFC eligible patients against influenza this season. Log-in to your <u>MyVFCvaccines</u> account to place your flu vaccine order.

Flu Vaccine Supply

All flu vaccine products are available for additional ordering through the VFC Program. However, as of today, we have only received a limited amount of Fluzone® syringes, with more doses expected by November 15. We will notify providers once our Fluzone® inventory is depleted and at that point it will be turned off from ordering. When that occurs, you may be able to request other available flu products by emailing the VFC Program at <u>MyVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov</u> with your VFC PIN and preferred alternate product. Please note the preferred alternate product will be fulfilled based on availability.

Flu Vaccine Usage and Inventory Required with Every VFC Order *REQUIRED!*

Each time you place a VFC vaccine order (flu and/or non-flu VFC vaccine order), you must report VFC flu vaccine doses administered since the last order and the number of doses on-hand by lot number. The flu order form will always display before you can access the routine vaccine order form so that you can report flu vaccine usage and inventory. This must be reported even if you do not plan on requesting additional influenza vaccine doses.

Season Target

As in the past year, VFC has provided each practice with influenza vaccine season targets for the 2021-2022 influenza season. Continue flu vaccine ordering from your clinic's remaining supply balances throughout the 2021-2022 season to reach your season target. The season target is our estimate of the number of flu vaccine doses your practice needs to immunize and protect your VFC-eligible patients. It is based on the number of VFC-eligible patients your practice immunized against routine pediatric vaccines during the past year.

Flu Shipments

Ensure that you can store all of the doses you request, as flu orders are shipped in full and cannot be canceled once sent for fulfillment. Please also remember to order only what you can use as flu orders may be submitted weekly based on need. An e-mail notification is sent to the practice's Vaccine Coordinator and Back-Up Coordinator upon processing of the order.

To ensure successful delivery, confirm the shipping days and hours listed on your <u>MyVFCVaccines</u> account are up to date. If your clinic will be closed temporarily, contact the VFC Program to place a shipment hold on your account. Or if your clinic will be closed due to COVID-19 for an indefinite amount of time, please review and complete the <u>Temporary Clinic Closure form</u> with your Provider of Record to inform us of this change.

Thank you,

