



August 2022 VFC Program Update

2022-2023 VFC Flu Vaccine Updates

Initial Shipments

The VFC Program began shipping initial flu orders the week of August 15, 2022 for products available at our national vaccine distributor, McKesson. Refer to the communication sent on [August 11](#) for a detailed listing of products shipped.

The next round of initial flu orders will be processed on September 9 for delivery the week of September 12. A communication will go out prior to order processing, but if your clinic will be closed in the next few weeks, please notify the VFC Program immediately at 1-877-243-8832 to prevent any shipping incidents that could lead to vaccine waste.

Flu ID Guide

The new [2022-2023 Pediatric/Adult Influenza Vaccine Guide \(IMM-859\)](#) is now available on [EZIZ](#) and will be included in the next VFC flu vaccine shipments.

Billing Notes

As a reminder, the VFC Program is not involved in the billing process for vaccine administration fees, and you cannot bill for the cost of publicly-funded vaccines. For more information on flu vaccine billing, please go to the following websites:

- **Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP)**
 - Please refer to relevant [CHDP Provider Information Notices](#) on influenza vaccines and any relevant Medi-Cal Bulletin Newsflashes.
 - In addition, CHDP providers with additional questions are advised to contact their [County CHDP](#)

Program at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx>.

- **Medi-Cal Managed Care**
 - Please contact the specific Medi-Cal managed care health plan for information on immunization billing and reimbursement.

- **Medi-Cal Fee for Service (FFS)**
 - To bill Medi-Cal for administration of VFC-supplied influenza vaccines, use the appropriate CPT-4 code followed by the “-SL” modifier. Providers will be reimbursed only for the administration fee when using VFC vaccines.
 - For specific information and details on Medi-Cal billing, please refer to the [Medi-Cal provider manual](#) on VFC. Providers with questions on Medi-Cal billing policies and procedures and Provider manual information may call the [Telephone Service Center \(TSC\)](#) at 1-800-541-5555.

- **CPT Codes (Quadrivalent VFC Influenza Vaccine)**
 - A complete list of influenza vaccine products and CPT codes may be found at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/vaccines/IIS/IISStandards/vaccines.asp?rpt=cpt>.

VFC Flu Vaccine Products	Minimum Age	CPT
Fluarix [®] pre-filled syringes	6 months	90686
Flucelvax [®] pre-filled syringes	6 months	90674
FluLaval [®] pre-filled syringes	6 months	90686
Fluzone [®] pre-filled syringes	6 months	90686
FluMist [®] pre-filled syringes	2 years	90672

Apply Now for KidsVaxGrant 2.0!

KidsVaxGrant 2.0 funds are going quickly, so [apply now!](#)

The California Department of Public Health has appropriated approximately \$10 million to support KidsVaxGrant 2.0. Providers can receive up to \$35,000 to support eligible pediatric providers administering the COVID-19 vaccine.

Eligible providers:

- Providers serving pediatric populations who have placed at least one complete order of an infant/ toddler COVID-19 vaccine and are newly enrolled in the California COVID-19 Vaccine Program (myCAvax) may receive **\$10K** to support enrollment and launching a vaccination center. Those that enroll in myCAvax from December 17, 2021 to October 14, 2022, will qualify.
- Providers serving pediatric populations vaccinating infants/toddlers against COVID-19 already enrolled in the California COVID-19 Vaccine Program (myCAvax), who are expanding operating hours by a minimum of 25 hours, may be eligible for **\$25K**, per site. Expanded hours must be outside of normal or existing clinic hours and must be completed within 120 days of the application's approval (not retroactive).

Providers serving pediatric populations that were previously awarded a KidsVaxGrant **are eligible** to apply for KidsVaxGrant 2.0.

[Apply for KidsVaxGrant 2.0 here!](#)

COVID-19 Program Quality Assurance Quickinar Series

Please join the CDPH COVID-19 Quality Assurance team for a series of three “Quickinars” to review COVID-19 vaccine compliance guidance.

Time for all Webinars: 12:30PM – 1:00PM

- **Storage and Handling:** Thursday, August 18, 2022
| View [Recording](#) and [Slides](#)
- **Vaccine Management:** Wednesday, August 24, 2022 | Register [here](#)
- **Clinical:** Thursday, August 25, 2022 | Register [here](#)

All sessions will be recorded and posted on the [EZIZ COVID-19 Program website](#) for on-demand viewing.

Customer Service Center Closures

The VFC Customer Service Center will be closed on the following day:

- Monday, September 5, 2022 (Labor Day Holiday)

Orders will continue to be received throughout this closure. Normal business hours will resume on the following day, Tuesday, September 6.