

# Pre-Book VFC Flu Vaccine for the Upcoming 2022-2023 Influenza Season

Dear VFC Provider,

The California VFC Program is preparing for the upcoming 2022-2023 influenza season. Pre-booking your VFC influenza vaccine doses is the first of three phases of the 2022-2023 VFC flu vaccine order process. This process will determine the California VFC Program's total flu vaccine need and the amount of each flu vaccine product (by brand) to support vaccination efforts for the entire 2022-2023 influenza season. Submit your 2022-2023 CA VFC Flu Vaccine Pre-book now.

## 2022-2023 PRE-BOOK PROCESS

- **Step 1 - Review your seasonal influenza data to determine your flu vaccine need for the entire season:**
  - Run flu usage reports (registry/EHR) for the current influenza season.
  - Run patient population reports, by age and eligibility (refer to your clinic's 2022 VFC Recertification for patient estimates).
  - Determine how many patients will need more than one dose.
  - Ensure that the number of doses pre-booked will be enough to immunize and protect all your VFC-eligible patients against the flu for the entire season.
- **Step 2 - Utilize the VFC Flu Pre-Book Worksheet** to prepare your request prior to accessing the online pre-book form.



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[MyVFCvaccines](#) account and click on the “Pre-book Flu Vaccine for 2022-2023” button.

- Review VFC-provided Flu Vaccine Target that will display on the flu pre-book form.
  - The VFC Flu Vaccine Target is our estimate of the number of flu vaccine doses your practice needs to immunize and protect your VFC-eligible patients. 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.
  - Although you are not required to request the full season target, if the doses confirmed is significantly less than the season target, you will be required to provide a reason for the reduction.
  - For newly enrolled providers the season target may not reflect the total doses that will be needed for the season. If necessary, you may request doses beyond the season target.
  
- **Step 4 – Allocate Seasonal Doses by Age Groups Served and Brand Preference**
  - Indicate brand preference for ALL doses that will be needed for the entire 2022-2023 season. IMPORTANT: This is NOT your order for initial flu shipments.
  - Based on your patient population, order products licensed for that age group.
  - When selecting your clinic’s brand preference, ensure that your selection aligns with your organization’s brand preference. Once submitted, brand switching will not be allowed.
  - All fields must be filled out. If no doses are requested for a brand, enter 0.
  
- **Step 5 – Submit your 2022-2023 VFC flu vaccine pre-book by February 2, 2022.**
  - Due to the short turnaround time for California to pre-book flu doses from the CDC, we will NOT be able to offer any extensions beyond this due date.

## PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-BOOK

Several pediatric vaccine products will be available as part of VFC's 2022-2023 Flu Pre-book process for providers to indicate a brand preference. See table below. Before completing your clinic's pre-book online, review available products with practice clinicians and your organization. Determine product(s) to request based on your patient population, and order products licensed for that age group.

**IMPORTANT:** Actual products that will be available for 2022-2023 VFC Flu Ordering will be dependent upon demand, product availability, and doses approved by the CDC.

Information to consider:

- There are several options for products with the same presentation and dosage for all patients 6 months through 18 years of age. However, vaccine products from the different manufacturers are delivered at different times. You can select up to two different products for this age group; so consider requesting products from more than one manufacturer so that your practice can have supply available earlier in the season once doses begin to ship.
- Only reserve what you will need and will use for the entire 2022-2023 flu season.

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>
6 months-18 years	Fluarix® *	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, No Preservative, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack*	GSK
6 months-18 years	Flucelvax® *	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, No Preservative, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack*	Seqirus
6 months-18 years	FluLaval® *	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, No Preservative, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack*	GSK
6 months-18 years	Fluzone® *	Inactivated, Quadrivalent, No Preservative, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack*	Sanofi
2-18 years	Flumist®	Live Attenuated, Quadrivalent, 0.20mL nasal sprayer	AstraZeneca

*\*Preservative-free vaccines*

*should be prioritized for administration to pregnant teens under 18 years of age but may also be used in children 3-18 years of age. According to the Health and Safety Code Section 124172, pregnant women or children younger than three years old may only receive vaccine doses that contain trace levels or no mercury.*

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF PRE-BOOK IS NOT SUBMITTED:**

If brand preference is not submitted, VFC will allocate doses and brands for ordering based on available products which may not align to your organization's preference. To prevent this, submit your pre-book prior to the deadline. Brand switching will not be allowed after this deadline.

## **TIMELINE AFTER SUBMITTING PRE-BOOK**

- **VFC Review of Pre-Book Requests**  
After February 2, 2022, the California VFC Program will review 2022-2023 Flu Pre-Book requests to determine how many doses of each product to order from CDC.
- **Final Pre-Book Approval Confirmation (early 2022)**  
Once the VFC Program's pre-booked doses are approved by the CDC, VFC will send final approved pre-book confirmation emails containing the number and type of flu vaccine products approved for your practice. Final pre-book approval confirmations may or may not be different from what your practice had pre-booked, depending on product availability approved by the CDC. No changes can be accommodated once approved, and final pre-booked doses will constitute your vaccine supply for the entire season. Remember, you are responsible for ordering your confirmed allocation in the second and third phases of the flu vaccine order process. More information on the other phases of VFC Flu Vaccine Ordering will be sent in the future.



# 3 PHASES OF VFC FLU ORDERING



## CURRENT 2021-2022 FLU SEASON

VFC flu pre-book requests for the 2022-2023 season will not affect your vaccine request for the current 2021-2022 season. Our current flu season is not over yet. Influenza activity is still occurring throughout California. Continue to reach out to children and adolescents in your practice, especially those with a higher risk of severe influenza illness, who have not yet received their influenza vaccine this season. Review your VFC Flu Progress Reports sent in October 2021 and January 2022 (coming soon) to monitor your progress in reaching your VFC Flu Vaccine Target and continue to place additional flu vaccine orders as needed.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please call the VFC Customer Service Center at 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC).

**Thank you,**