



# Your VFC Mid-Season Flu Progress Report Coming Soon!

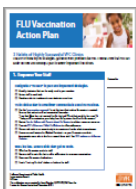
Dear VFC Provider,

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 January 25, 2022. Like last season, we will send your *End-of-Season Report* in July 2022, indicating the percentage of your VFC Flu Vaccine Target met and subsequent rating (Excellent, Very Good, Good or Needs Improvement). VFC providers who achieve an "Excellent" rating by June 30, 2022 will be recognized on EZIZ.org. For your convenience, you can also view your reports in your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account.

Check out the Report's **new pandemic + flu coadministration 1,2,3 "tips"** to help your practice protect pediatric patients from both flu and COVID-19. Share these tips at a clinic huddle. Your vulnerable VFC patients are counting on your team!

As a refresher, your "**VFC Flu Vaccine Target**" is our estimate 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 with 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 **2021 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. Data collected to date suggest that **California VFC providers who A) used the Flu Action plan and B) shared their Flu Progress Reports at their practice were more likely to achieve excellence.**



## Flu Activities Survey: Learn from Your VFC Peers

- Good news! More of you (**nearly two-thirds**) have “**flu champions**” than ever before. More of you (**28%**--up from 14% and 23% respectively in past years) are **using SMS text flu shot reminders**. **More of you are recommending flu vaccine into the spring** months.
- **To work on:** There was *no change* in the proportion of VFC providers using the **Flu Action Plan or the presumptive approach** in speaking with parents about flu vaccine, compared with the year before.

*If you are looking to improve your flu rating and increase the number of patients protected against flu, consider selecting 2-3 key strategies from the Flu Action Plan, such as (1) use the presumptive approach to routinely-recommend flu vaccine: “I see that Jimmy 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—consider co-administering flu vaccine with COVID-19 and other pediatric vaccinations.*

Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons 6 months and older. There is still time to order and administer more VFC flu vaccine 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. Please continue to recommend and 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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