



October 27, 2022

Your VFC October Flu Order Progress Report to Arrive Soon!

In the next few days, we will be sending you your practice's **October VFC Flu Vaccine Ordering Progress Report**. We encourage you to share it with your colleagues, including medical assistants, clinicians, and quality improvement (QI) staff. Your *Flu Vaccine Ordering Progress Report* will show progress toward your VFC Flu Vaccine Target as of October 24, 2022. This is your first check-in of the current flu season and like last season, we'll be checking back again in January 2022. And finally, we will send your *End-of-Season Report* in July 2022, 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, 2023, will be recognized on EZIZ.org. For your convenience, you can also view your reports in your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account.

Track your progress towards your VFC Flu Order Target

As a refresher, your "*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 order 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 plenty of time to implement key strategies into your [VFC flu action plan](#). ***This year, as COVID-19 continues to circulate, most pediatric patients 6 months - 4 years still need their initial COVID-19 series and older children need COVID-19 boosters. These are possible opportunities to vaccinate them against both flu and COVID-19.***

Use the Flu Progress Report Data, Flu Action Plan, and Gather your Team!

To date, data from your VFC peers suggest that those who use the [VFC flu Action Plan](#) and their *Flu Progress Reports* are more likely to achieve an “excellent” flu order rating! (We'll check back with you at the end of flu season to learn more about the impact of these tools.) If you are looking to improve your last season’s rating, consider selecting 2-3 Flu Action Plan key strategies. These could be as easy as 1,2,3!

- 1. Routinely recommend flu vaccine**—don’t *ask* parents if they want their child to be immunized.
- 2. Identify patients still due for flu vaccine** – don’t miss an opportunity to vaccinate.
- 3. Recall patients due for their first or second dose of flu vaccine** – reminding more than once may help.

Use the Report as a Catalyst; 1-2 incremental steps will empower your team!

We strongly recommend that you share your Flu Progress Report and VFC Flu Target with your clinic decision-makers in charge of ordering flu vaccine.

- 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 against flu.
- 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.
- 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 continues to be 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.

Thank you,



California Department of Public Health | Immunization Branch
Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

850 Marina Bay Parkway
Richmond, CA 94804
Phone: 877-2GET-VFC (877-243-8832)
Fax: 877-FAXX-VFC (877-329-9832)
Email: MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov

EZIZ.org