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# Pre-Booking VFC Flu Vaccine for Upcoming 2023-2024 Influenza is Coming Soon!

Dear VFC Provider,

The California VFC Program is preparing for the upcoming 2023-2024 influenza season. Pre-booking your VFC influenza vaccine doses is the first of three phases of the 2023-2024 VFC flu vaccine order process and will be your ONLY chance to let the VFC Program know which flu vaccine is your preferred product and the number of doses you need next season. This process will determine the California VFC Program's overall flu vaccine need and the amount of each flu vaccine product (by brand) to support vaccination efforts for the entire 2023-2024 influenza season. We plan to open the pre-book phase later this month and we will announce when the online flu pre-book form will be available. In the meantime, please prepare now by following the steps below.

## Tips to Prepare for Pre-Booking VFC Flu Vaccine

- **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 2023 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.
- **Utilize the [VFC Flu Pre-Book Worksheet](#)** to prepare your request prior to accessing the online pre-book form.
- **Review products available** for the upcoming season with practice clinicians and your organization.

- **Consider up to two different products** indicated for the same age range as vaccine products from different manufacturers are delivered at different times.

## Expected Product Availability

Actual products that will be available for 2023-2024 VFC Flu Ordering will be dependent upon demand, product availability, and doses approved by the CDC.

Age Group	Product	Presentation	Manufacturer
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, 0.2mL 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.*

## Current 2022-2023 Flu Season

VFC flu pre-book requests for the 2023-2024 season will not affect your vaccine request for the current 2022-2023 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 (available in your MyVFCVaccines account) to monitor your progress in reaching your VFC Flu Vaccine Target. Remember to continue to place additional flu vaccine orders as needed through the end of the flu season.

## Questions?

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

**Thank you,**

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