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September VFC Updates

McKesson Shipment Delays

Due to the increased volume of orders, VFC's national vaccine distributor McKesson is currently experiencing a backlog of shipping routine non-COVID vaccine orders, resulting in delayed shipments. McKesson is working to significantly reduce the backlog and plans to ship older orders first until the backlog is cleared. Flu and COVID vaccine orders are shipping separately and are NOT affected by the delay. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

2023-2024 VFC Flu Vaccine

The VFC Program has completed most initial orders of Fluarix[®], Flucelvax[®], and FluLaval[®]. We will continue processing initial orders of Fluzone[®] and FluMist[®] as soon as more supply becomes available at our national vaccine distributor McKesson. If you need additional doses from what your practice had pre-booked, you can request more when the Additional Flu Order system opens up in mid-October.

Beyfortus[™] RSV Monoclonal Antibody (Sanofi and AstraZeneca)

On [August 3, 2023](#), CDC recommended a new immunization, Beyfortus™ (Nirsevimab), a long-acting monoclonal antibody product to help protect all infants under 8 months and some older babies at increased risk of severe illness caused by [respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#). VFC Providers who see patients in that age group will be required to offer Beyfortus™, along with all other age-appropriate ACIP-recommended vaccines <https://eziz.org/vfc/provider-requirements/>.

Beyfortus™ is expected to become available starting mid-October through the VFC Program. Detailed information regarding Beyfortus™ and ordering will be communicated to all VFC Providers when available.

Reminder! COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available to Order Through VFC

COVID-19 vaccine is now available to order from the VFC Program. To allow for smaller but more frequent orders, the VFC Program is allowing all providers to order COVID-19 vaccines monthly, but you may need to report your full VFC vaccine inventory if your last order was more than 30 days ago. Order enough COVID-19 vaccine that can be used within the monthly order timeframe, but keep in mind that vaccine requests may be reduced based on available supply allocations from CDC. For more information, please refer to the VFC communication that was sent on [September 19, 2023](#). The COVID-19 clinical program letter, with detailed clinical information about the updated COVID-19 vaccines will be sent soon.

Thank you,



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