



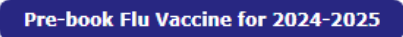
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Pre-Book VFC Flu Vaccine Now for the Upcoming 2024-2025 Influenza Season

Dear VFC Provider,

Submit your 2024-2025 CA VFC Flu Vaccine Pre-book **now until February 2, 2024**. The California VFC Program is preparing for the upcoming 2024-2025 influenza season. Pre-booking your VFC influenza vaccine doses is the first of three phases of the 2024-2025 VFC flu vaccine order process and will be your **ONLY** chance to let the VFC Program know which flu vaccine brand is your preferred product and the number of doses you will need for the next season. 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 2024-2025 influenza season.

2024-2025 PRE-BOOK PROCESS

- **Step 1 - Review your current 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 2024 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 Vaccine Pre-Book Worksheet \(IMM-1454\)](#) to prepare your request prior to accessing the online pre-book form.**
- **Step 3 – Log-in to your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account and click on the “Pre-book Flu Vaccine for 2024-2025”** 
 - Review the 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 number of 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 2024-2025 season.
 - 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.

- **Step 5 – Submit your 2024-2025 VFC flu vaccine pre-book by February 2, 2024.**

- 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.
- IMPORTANT: This is NOT your order for initial flu shipments.

PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-BOOK

Several pediatric vaccine products will be available as part of VFC’s 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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; 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 2024-2025 flu season.
- All available flu vaccine products for the VFC Program do not contain preservative.

Age Group	Product	Presentation	Manufacturer
6 months-18 years	Flucelvax®	Inactivated, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack	Seqirus
6 months-18 years	FluLaval®	Inactivated, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack	GSK
6 months-18 years	Fluzone®	Inactivated, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack	Sanofi
2-18 years	FluMist®	Live Attenuated, 0.20mL nasal sprayer	AstraZeneca

FLU VACCINE FORMULATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

Following the October 5, 2023, Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) Meeting, FDA provided direction for manufacturers to plan for a transition to trivalent flu vaccine. The quadrivalent vaccines contain 2 influenza A strains and 2 influenza B strains. Given low levels of circulation of B/Yamagata influenza virus, experts have recommended that this strain be removed. As a result, flu vaccines available for the 2024-2025 season may reflect a mixture of trivalent and quadrivalent vaccines. Trivalent flu vaccines are as safe and effective as quadrivalent flu vaccines.

The descriptions for flu vaccines in the pre-book do not reference the valency (i.e., trivalent or quadrivalent composition). When CDC confirms the valency after the pre-book, there may be updated NDCs. If changes occur, the VFC Program will notify providers of any updates to the NDCs, upon final confirmation of approved pre-books. Changes will not be made to the brands, presentations, or quantities.

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 with your organization's preference. To prevent this, submit your pre-book prior to the deadline. This will be your ONLY chance to let VFC know your flu vaccine brand preference. Brand switching will not be allowed after this deadline.

TIMELINE AFTER SUBMITTING PRE-BOOK

- **VFC Review of Pre-Book Requests**

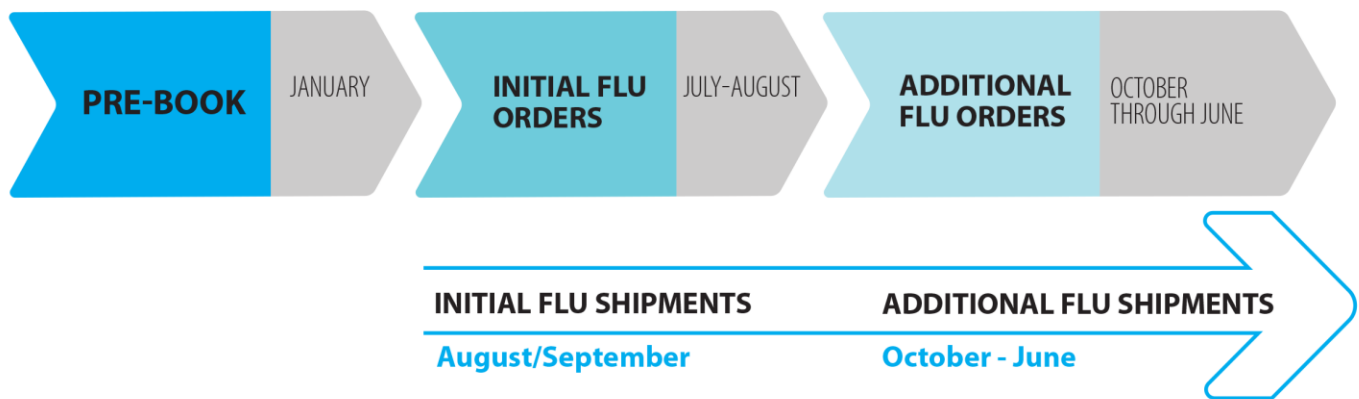
After February 2, 2024, the California VFC Program will review 2024-2025 Flu Pre-Book requests to determine how many doses of each product to order from CDC.

- **Final Pre-Book Approval Confirmation (early 2024)**

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 near future.

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM

3 PHASES OF VFC FLU ORDERING



CURRENT 2023-2024 FLU SEASON

VFC flu pre-book requests for the 2024-2025 season will not affect your vaccine request for the current 2023-2024 season since the current flu season is not over yet. Influenza activity is still occurring throughout California, so 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 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,



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