

February 13, 2025

2025 VFC Recertification Due Friday February 14, Vaccine Supply Update, VFC Call Center Closures

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Recertification is due this Friday, February 14, 2025! As a reminder, this process was launched on December 19, 2024. Complete the required EZIZ Lessons first and then log in to your mycAvax account to submit the Recertification form as soon as possible. Not completing VFC Recertification will result in suspension of vaccine ordering privileges and eventual account termination from the VFC Program.

Helpful Tips to Complete VFC Recertification

- Gather updated practice information, like your Registry (CAIR or RIDE/Healthy Futures) ID and fill in the <u>Recertification Worksheet</u> (IMM-1207) before accessing the online recertification form.
- Refer to <u>VFC Recertification FAQs</u> (IMM-1245) for quick answers to your questions.
- The myCAvax Recertification form is validating EZIZ lesson completion based on information from the EZIZ Training User ID. If your EZIZ training is not being validated:
 - Check that your email address, First Name, and Last Name on your EZIZ training account and your myCAvax account match. On your EZIZ Learning History Page, click on "Edit Profile" to view your training account information.
 - After updating your EZIZ training account information, go back to the Recertification form, Key Practice Staff page, and click on "Manage Role." Click "Submit" on the Manage Role window, which will trigger the training verification process again.
- If your EZIZ Username is not displaying on the "Key Practice Staff" page of the Recertification Form, click on "Manage Role." From there, you can add your EZIZ username.

 If you have already submitted the Recertification Form for e-signature and the Provider of Record has not received the DocuSign email prompting to sign the VFC Provider Agreements, check your spam or junk folder. If you need further assistance, please reach out to the Provider Call Center by email at ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov, or by phone at (833) 502-1245.

For more information on the 2025 VFC Recertification process please refer to the <u>VFC Program Letter</u>.

Recertification Resources:

- 2025 Program Participation Requirements at a Glance (IMM-1240)
- 2025 VFC Provider Agreement (IMM-1241)
- 2025 VFC Provider Agreement Addendum (IMM-1242)
- 2025 VFC Recertification Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (IMM-1245)
- 2025 VFC Recertification Process (IMM-1277)
- 2025 VFC Recertification Worksheet (IMM-1207)
- myCAvax Recertification Demo and Knowledge Center Resource

Complete the VFC Provider Satisfaction Survey

Our VFC Program is constantly aiming to improve your experience in vaccine ordering, delivery, administration, and all other VFC related areas. Please help provide feedback by completing the <u>VFC Provider Satisfaction Survey</u>. Your input is greatly valued and will guide enhancement to our program, educational resources, staff training, and systems.

Vaccine Supply Update

Influenza Vaccine

- According to recent <u>respiratory virus reports</u>, influenza activity is high and increasing. Please ensure your patients are protected by ordering flu vaccine and vaccinating at each opportunity.
- Continue to order the remaining balance of flu vaccine your practice pre-booked or were allocated for the 2024-2025 season.
- If you need additional VFC flu vaccines and have already ordered all doses prebooked or were allocated, you can request more doses on your VFC order form or by reaching out directly to the VFC Program.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine (Comirnaty®) for 12 Years of Age and Up

- Pfizer has notified the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that between mid-February and mid-March doses shipped of their Comirnaty[®] COVID-19 vaccine for persons 12 years of age and up (NDC# 00069-2432-10) will have a shorter shelf life between 8-11 weeks. The shelf life for this direct ship vaccine at delivery is typically ≥12 weeks.
- Please plan your provider orders during this period with the shorter shelf life in mind and order enough doses that can be administered until your next routine VFC vaccine order.
- Note: This period of reduced shelf life does not apply to other Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines.

RSV Immunizations

- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends RSV vaccination of pregnant persons between September and January. In accordance with ACIP recommendations, the maternal RSV vaccine (Abrysvo®) was turned off from VFC ordering on January 31, 2025. If you have any doses of Abrysvo remaining in inventory, please set them aside until next season or submit a return form once doses have expired.
- Nirsevimab (Beyfortus[™]) continues to be available to order from VFC to prevent severe respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) disease in VFC-eligible infants and toddlers. RSV season typically starts in October and extends through the end of March. RSV is the leading cause of infant hospitalization in the U.S. As the RSV season continues, please ensure your clinic has doses of Nirsevimab available for your infants <8 months of age entering their first RSV season, and children 8-19 months who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease and entering their second RSV season.</p>

Customer Service Center Closures

The VFC Customer Service Center will be closed on the following dates/times:

- Monday, February 17, 2025 (Presidents' Day)
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025 12-5 pm (Staff Development)
- Thursday, March 6, 2025 (Staff Development)
- Monday, March 31, 2025 (Cesar Chavez Day Observed)

Orders will continue to be received during these call center closures. Normal business hours will resume after each event. For any questions, please call the VFC Program at (877) 243-8832 or visit our <u>website</u> for important VFC Program communications and information.

Thank you,





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