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Pre-Book for 2025-2026 VFC Flu Vaccine is Now Available!

Dear VFC Provider,

The California VFC Program is preparing for the upcoming 2025-2026 influenza season. As part of this process, it is time to submit your 2025-2026 CA VFC Flu Vaccine Pre-Book, which will be open from now **until Monday, February 3, 2025** in myCAvax. Pre-booking your VFC influenza vaccine doses 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 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 VFC provider vaccination efforts for the entire 2025-2026 influenza season.

While the 2025-2026 VFC Flu Prebooking will be done in myCAvax, the steps to prepare to submit your pre-book and data needed have not changed. Please carefully review steps outlined below to gather information ahead of entering and submitting your information in the system.

2025-2026 FLU VACCINE PRE-BOOK PROCESS

- **Step 1 - 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 2025 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 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.

- **Step 3 – Log-in to your [myCAvax](#) account** to access the Pre-Book form.
 - For detailed instructions on how to submit your pre-book, go to the [Prebooking Seasonal Vaccines Job-Aid](#) available on myCAvax after you log-in to your account.
 - 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 different than the season target, you will be required to provide a reason.
 - 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 2025-2026 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. After the pre-book deadline, brand switching will not be allowed.

- **Step 5 – Submit your 2025-2026 VFC flu vaccine pre-book by February 3, 2025.**
 - You can make changes to your pre-book until February 3, 2025, even if you submit the form. After the deadline, no changes will be accepted.
 - 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 a flu vaccine order. Doses pre-booked will be reviewed and may be adjusted based on final CDC approval for California.

2025-2026 VFC FLU VACCINE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR PRE-BOOK

Several pediatric vaccine products will be available as part of VFC's 2025-2026 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.

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. Please consider these

timeframes (based on previous years product availability) when selecting your products. 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.

- In addition to the 6 months through 18 years age group, you can pre-book flu vaccine from the other age groups if you have patients needing those vaccines.
- Only reserve what you will need and will use for the entire 2025-2026 flu season.
- All available flu vaccine products for the VFC Program do not contain preservative.
- In the event that selected products are significantly delay, the VFC Program may substitute prebooked products with brands that may be readily available.

Age Group	Product	Presentation	Manufacturer
6 months-18 years	Fluarix®	Inactivated, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack	GSK
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, 0.2mL nasal sprayer, 10 pack	AstraZeneca
18 years old*	Fluad®*	Inactivated, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack	Seqirus
18 years old*	Fluzone* High-Dose®	Inactivated, 0.5mL single-dose syringe, 10 pack	Sanofi

* During the June 2024 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting, ACIP voted to recommend high-dose and adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccines (HD-IIV, allV), which are both FDA-licensed for age 65 years or older, as options without a preference, for use in solid organ transplant recipients ages 18 through 64 years receiving immunosuppressive medications. Because the VFC program includes age 18, the VFC resolution was formally modified to add these products as options for vaccination of solid organ transplant recipients aged 18 years. **Fluad® (Seqirus) and Fluzone High-Dose® (Sanofi) has been added to the influenza VFC resolution to prevent influenza as options for vaccination of solid organ transplant recipients who are age 18 years and should only be pre-booked for those eligible patients.**

WHAT HAPPENS IF PRE-BOOK IS NOT SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE

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 3, 2025, the California VFC Program will review 2025-2026 Flu Pre-Book requests to determine how many doses of each product to order from CDC.

- **Final Pre-Book Approval Confirmation (early 2025)**

Once the VFC Program's pre-booked doses are approved by the CDC, VFC will notify providers of their approved pre-book amounts. Final approved pre-book amounts 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.

CURRENT 2024-2025 FLU SEASON

VFC flu pre-book requests for the 2025-2026 season will not affect your vaccine request for the current 2024-2025 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. Remember to continue to place 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 myVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov or call 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC). If your clinic has been affected by ongoing wildfires or power outages and will not be able to pre-book 2025-2026 flu vaccine prior to the February 3 due date, please reach out to the VFC Program for assistance.

Enclosures:

- [Flu Pre-book Worksheet \(IMM-1454\)](#)
- [Prebooking Seasonal Vaccines myCAvax Job-Aid](#)

Thank you,



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