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# VFC Recertification, Flu Pre-Book, McKesson Shipping Delays, and Vaccine Supply Update

# **2025 VFC Recertification**

**Recertification is due 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 <u>myCAvax</u> 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.

## Complete the VFC Provider Satisfaction Survey

A link to complete and submit the Provider Satisfaction Survey will appear after submitting your Recertification for e-signature. If you haven't had a chance to complete it yet, please <u>click here to access the survey</u>. Your input is greatly valued and will guide enhancement to our program, policies and procedures, educational resources, staff training, and systems.

For more information on the 2025 VFC Recertification process please refer to the <u>VFC</u> <u>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)
- <u>2025 VFC Recertification Process (IMM-1277)</u>
- <u>2025 VFC Recertification Worksheet (IMM-1207)</u>
- myCAvax Recertification Demo and Knowledge Center Resource

## Submit 2025-2026 VFC Flu Vaccine Pre-Book by February 3!

Submit your 2025-2026 CA VFC Flu Vaccine Pre-book <u>now until February 3, 2025</u>. The California VFC Program is preparing for the upcoming 2025-2026 influenza season. Prebooking your VFC influenza vaccine doses now will be your <u>ONLY</u> 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 2025-2026 influenza season. For more information about the pre-book process, please refer to the <u>VFC Flu Pre-Book</u> <u>Communication</u>.

## **McKesson Shipping Delays**

After the holidays, January is typically a busy vaccine order month. As a result, McKesson has been inundated with a large number of orders to fulfil from their Distribution Center. The CA VFC Program is working closely with McKesson and CDC to ensure that orders are fulfilled and delivered in a timely manner. We will provide more updates as soon as we have more information available about delivery timeframes. In the meantime, if an urgent order is needed, please reach out to the VFC Program directly and we will reach out to McKesson and CDC to prioritize those requests.

## **Vaccine Supply Update**

Influenza Vaccine

- Continue to order the remaining balance of other influenza vaccine products your practice pre-booked or were allocated for the 2024-2025 season.
- FluMist® is no longer available to order for the remainder of the 2024-2025 influenza season.
- FluMist® doses are only available through the FluMist® Replacement Program. Please return unused, expiring FluMist® doses for replacement no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. Detailed instructions can be found in the <u>FluMist® Replacement</u> <u>Program letter</u>.

#### **Novavax Vaccine**

- Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is available again for ordering.
- Shelf life for Novavax vaccines this season are short, with a 2-month shelf date post release of product. Continue to use vaccine on-hand until expiry.
- Current orders of Novavax vaccine are shipping with an expiration date of 2/28/2025.
- Novavax is not seeking shelf-life extensions for vaccine expiring 1/31/2025 or 2/28/2025, but will continue to evaluate future batches to determine whether to seek in-season product extensions.
- To minimize vaccine wastage, order enough vaccine to last until expiry or your next order period.

#### **RSV** Immunizations

- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends RSV vaccination of pregnant persons between September and January. The maternal RSV vaccine (Abrysvo) will be available for ordering through the VFC Program until January 31, 2025. Order doses now to continue vaccinating your pregnant VFC eligible patients until then.
- Nirsevimab (Beyfortus<sup>™</sup>) 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 RSV season starts, please ensure your clinic has doses of Nirsevimab available to begin administration to 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.

#### **TD Vaccines**

- Following MassBiologics' Grifols Td vaccine discontinuation, CDC put ordering controls into place for all Td vaccines from February 2024 through January 1, 2025.
- Sanofi has notified CDC that they have increased their supply of Td vaccine and are now able to support historical demand for the full Td market.
- Ordering for Grifols Td vaccine has ended as of January 10, 2025, therefore only Sanofi Td vaccines (NDC # 49281-0215-10 and NDC # 49281-0215-15) are available for ordering.

## **Call Center Update**

On January 8, our call center phone lines experienced extreme static, to the point that we could not hear providers on the other line. As a result, the VFC Call Center had to stop

accepting phone calls on January 8 and 9. The issue also affected the phone lines of our Provider Call Center and the CAIR Call Center. The issue was escalated to our phone service provider and has since been resolved.

For future reference, if you cannot reach us by phone, our Call Centers can also respond electronically to inquiries.

- For VFC, email <u>myVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov</u>
- For PCC, email <a href="mailto:ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov">ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov</a> or chat via myCAvax
- For CAIR, email <u>CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov</u>

For any questions, please call the VFC Customer Service Center at (877) 243-8832 or visit our <u>website</u> for important VFC Program communications and information.

## Thank you,



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