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Mid-Season VFC Flu Progress Report Coming Soon!

Dear VFC Provider,

In the coming days, we will be sending you your practice's **Mid-Season Flu Vaccine Progress Report**. We encourage you to share it with your colleagues, including medical assistants, clinicians, and quality improvement (QI) staff. Your *Mid-Season Flu Vaccine Progress Report* will show progress toward your VFC Flu Vaccine Target as of January 24, 2024. Like last season, we will send your *End-of-Season Report* in July indicating the percentage of your flu target met and subsequent rating (Excellent, Very Good, Good, Needs Improvement). VFC providers who achieve an "Excellent" rating by June 30, 2024, will be recognized by the VFC Program. For your convenience, you can also view your reports in your [MyVFCVaccines](#) account.

As a refresher, your "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 flu doses your practice ordered compared to other routine pediatric vaccines.

Last season's 2022-23 VFC *End-of-Season Flu Survey* of VFC Providers across California found that:

- **80% of respondents either "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that the Flu Report was helpful in motivating clinics to review their flu practices.**

Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥ 6 months. **There is still time to order and administer more VFC flu vaccine**, along with other routinely recommended immunizations for your patients! Every visit is an opportunity to protect your patients. If you are concerned about having too much flu vaccine in the refrigerator:

- Keep in mind that you can order as little as 10 doses per week.
- You can administer flu vaccine until the last dose expires, usually in June.

We strongly encourage you to compare your VFC patients flu doses administered vs VFC flu doses ordered—are you doing all you can to vaccinate young patients (e.g., co-administer with updated COVID-19 vaccines)? *Your Flu Report will display both your ordered and administered VFC flu doses and provide easy strategies to improve.*

We are confident that taking even small steps today will result in vast improvement tomorrow. Our VFC team supports you in protecting California’s kids against influenza!

We thank you for the many extra efforts you and your team are making to protect your patients and staff.

Sincerely,



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