



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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VFC Flu Update Flu Season Begins: Severe Influenza

Dear VFC Provider,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released a Health Advisory stating that influenza activity is increasing across the country. CDC has received reports of severe influenza illness. While some states are reporting local or regional influenza activity, widespread activity has been reported in 4 states, including California.

Clinicians should continue efforts to vaccinate patients this season for as long as influenza viruses are circulating, and promptly start antiviral treatment of severely ill and high-risk patients if influenza is suspected or confirmed.

To read the full advisory, go to: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00387.asp>

VFC Influenza Vaccine Supply

- VFC has adequate supply of flu products available for ordering through VFC's Supplemental Flu Ordering. Providers may log-in to their [MyVFCvaccines](#) account and click on the "Supplemental Flu Order" button to access supplemental flu ordering.
- Providers may continue to submit supplemental flu orders, as needed, throughout the flu season (as supply permits).

Reminders

- Clinics will be required to accurately report all doses of influenza vaccines received through the VFC Program and administered to VFC eligible patients. Ensure all VFC-administered doses are logged in either the VFC Program's Influenza Usage Log, in an Immunization Information System, or your clinic's own system.
- Your supplemental flu request will be shipped in full. Please ensure that your shipping hours are updated by logging into your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account. Please also ensure that you can properly store all of the doses that you request. Confirmed flu vaccine orders cannot be canceled.

If you have any questions, please contact the VFC Customer Service Center at 877-243-8832.

Are you not receiving VFC's emailed program letters and communications?

Visit our website at www.eziz.org and log into MyVFCvaccines to check your email address. Also be sure to check your spam folder!