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TO: California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

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SUBJECT: VFC 2025-2026 Flu Vaccine Orders and Shipments

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- ✓ NEW THIS SEASON: **Providers that pre-booked** 2025-2026 flu vaccine will have their initial orders (50% of the total approved pre-book) shipped automatically by VFC.
- ✓ Initial orders will be sent in multiple shipments as supply becomes available.
- ✓ **For providers that did not pre-book**, you can submit your flu vaccine request on the routine VFC vaccine order form in your myCAvax account. Request enough doses that can be appropriately stored in your refrigerator, up to your allocated amount. Brand preference cannot be accommodated in these orders.

PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS AGAINST INFLUENZA AND OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES

VFC Flu Vaccine Ordering is now available to begin vaccination efforts for the 2025-2026 Flu Season through the California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

Protect your patients against influenza disease and other respiratory diseases such as Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and COVID. As most pharmacies in California cannot vaccinate patients younger than 3 years old, it is critical that you provide access to vaccine for your younger patients. RSV immunizations are also available for ordering through the VFC Program.

2025-2026 CALIFORNIA VFC FLU VACCINE PRODUCTS

All available flu vaccine products for the VFC Program do not contain preservative.

Age Group	Product	Presentation: All Single Dose	Manufacturer	NDC Code
6 months-18 years	Fluarix®	0.5mL syringe, 10 pack	GSK	58160-0912-52
	Flucelvax®	0.5mL syringe, 10 pack	Seqirus	70461-0654-03
	FluLaval®	0.5mL syringe, 10 pack	GSK	19515-0810-52
	Fluzone®	0.5mL syringe, 10 pack	Sanofi	49281-0424-50
2-18 years	FluMist®	0.2mL intranasal sprayer	AstraZeneca	66019-0311-10
18 years*	Fluad®*	0.5mL syringe, 10 pack	Seqirus	70461-0025-03
18 years*	Fluzone* High-Dose®	0.5mL syringe, 10 pack	Sanofi	49281-0125-65

* During the June 2024 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting, ACIP voted to recommend high-dose and adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccines (HD-IIV, aIIV), 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 ordered for those eligible patients.**

IMPORTANT: You may only order products approved from your pre-book or allocated to your practice. No changes to brand preferences can be accommodated. Additional allocations requested later in the season, beyond what your practice pre-booked, will be based on remaining vaccine supply and may differ from what you pre-booked. Ensure that your electronic health systems can accept all flu products offered above.

FLU VACCINE ORDERS

For providers that pre-booked doses in January 2025:

In January 2025, VFC providers had the opportunity to pre-book the total number of flu vaccine doses needed for the 2025-2026 flu season, indicating a preferred brand. Initial

orders will be sent in multiple shipments once vaccine arrives during the fall at our national vaccine distributor, McKesson.

- The VFC Program will place your initial orders on your behalf, which will comprise of 50% of your practice's approved pre-booked amount.
 - **NOTE:** Your initial order will not arrive all at once. It will arrive in multiple shipments as flu vaccine arrives at our national vaccine distributor.
- No further action is required to receive your initial flu orders
- You do not need to place a flu vaccine request on your myCAVax routine VFC vaccine order form to receive your initial flu shipments.
 - After VFC has shipped 50% of your approved pre-book allocation, the remaining 50% will be allocated to your practice so that you can order more VFC flu doses throughout the season.

For providers that did NOT pre-book doses in January 2025:

- Initial flu vaccine orders will not be shipped automatically by VFC for providers that did not pre-book.
- Log into your [myCAVax](#) account to access the routine VFC Vaccine Order form and submit your Flu Vaccine request once doses are allocated.
- You will be able to order doses up to your confirmed season allotment. As supply comes in, VFC will add doses to your allocation for you to draw down from and place flu orders as needed. Make sure to only order what you can store.
- Product(s) allocated are based on remaining supply, so brand preference cannot be accommodated.
- Doses allocated will be based on your season target. The seasonal influenza vaccine administration target is based on the number of VFC-eligible patients your practice immunized with routine pediatric vaccines during the past year, using usage information provided on routine orders.

ALLOCATIONS

The VFC Program will allocate flu doses up to the approved pre-book amount. For providers that did not pre-book, you will receive allocations based on remaining available supply. Providers should expect to receive multiple allocations during the first part of the flu season, as supply arrives at McKesson in increments. Influenza vaccine from different manufacturers arrives at different times; therefore, the VFC Program may not be able to allocate doses in full. After all our supply is received at McKesson, the VFC Program will allow providers to request doses beyond what was allocated but would need to submit a justification. The VFC Program will review and add doses to providers' allocations as needed.

To view your allocations, either click on the “View Provider Inventory” link on the order form or go to your Program Location account and click on the “Vaccine Inventories” tab in myCAvax. You will see several numbers based on your approved pre-book or available supply.

- **Total to be Allocated by CDPH:** This is the full total number of doses (approved pre-book, or allocated amount if you did not pre-book) that CDPH will allocate to your practice for the entire season.
- **Allocation Received to Date:** As supply is received, this is the amount allocated to your practice.
- **Remaining Allocation:** The amount left that still needs to be allocated (“Total to be Allocated by CDPH” minus “Allocation Received to Date”)
- **Doses Available to Order:** The number of doses that can be requested right now (“Allocation Received to Date” minus doses ordered)
- **Available Quantity:** The system calculated inventory based off the inventory summaries (not allocations, but orders, shipments, transfers, waste, etc.)

NEWLY ENROLLED PROVIDERS

Newly enrolled providers without any vaccine distribution history, or with limited usage as reported through routine VFC vaccine orders, will be initially allocated a limited amount of flu vaccine. They may contact the VFC Customer Service Center or VFC Field Representative if they have significantly more VFC-eligible patients since initial enrollment.

FLU ACTION PLAN

Strategies to use now in your [flu action plan](#):

- Actively recommend influenza vaccine—don’t wait for the patient to ask.
- Identify patients due for influenza vaccine.
- Recall patients due for doses of influenza vaccine.
- Review your VFC Flu Progress Reports sent to your practice throughout the past season and build on progress your clinic achieved.
- Review your end-of-season report to guide your goals for this upcoming season.
- Meet with staff to formulate a plan for implementing your selected strategies.

VFC INFLUENZA PROGRAM LETTER AND ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS

The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends routine annual influenza vaccination for all persons over 6 months of age, including two doses for many children younger than 8 years of age. The annual VFC Program Influenza letter, including a summary of this season's ACIP recommendations, product dosage and administration, storage and handling guidelines, and other important information, will be released once recommendations are published by the CDC.

ANY QUESTIONS?

- Call the VFC Customer Service Center at 877-243- 8832 (877-2GET-VFC).
- Refer to the attached "VFC 2025-2026 Flu Order Frequently Asked Questions."
- Contact your VFC Field Representative or visit our website, www.EZIZ.org.

Enclosures:

[VFC 2025-2026 Flu Order Frequently Asked Questions](#)