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Flu is Widespread in California and Strategies for Managing Influenza and VFA/317 Vaccine Inventory

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Dear VFA Provider,

Flu disease is now circulating widely in your communities. Please take EVERY opportunity to vaccinate patients who do not have protection already. If you do not have any state flu vaccine supplies remaining, please contact your local health department (<http://bit.do/immunization>).¹

As you are managing influenza vaccine inventory this season, take time to check your VFA stock.

- Check your inventory regularly, and put short-dated vaccine in front.
- Create a focused vaccination strategy to help utilize short-dated vaccine supply. Here is an example of a clinic that was successful in using their short-dated vaccines:
 - *One VFA clinic depleted several short-dated Zoster doses by notifying providers and staff, and enhancing efforts to assess and vaccinate all eligible patients with Zoster vaccine when coming in for appointments.*
- Also consider running a report of patients overdue/due for the particular vaccine(s) and implementing reminder/recall systems to bring these patients in.

Visit the forms section of EZIZ's [VFA Resources](#) webpage for the following vaccine inventory resources:

- [How to Do a Physical Inventory](#)
- [Physical Inventory Form](#)

¹ Please note that the VFA Program does not offer flu vaccine.