

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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VFC Flu Vaccine Update

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Dear VFC Provider,

Please refer to the following information regarding VFC flu vaccines.

Reminder on Supplemental Ordering:

- Supplemental ordering is available for all flu products. Providers may log on to their "MyVFCVaccines" account and click on the "Supplemental Flu Order" button to access supplemental flu ordering.
- Providers may submit additional supplemental flu orders as needed throughout the flu season as supply permits. There is a limitation on the number of doses that can be ordered through the online supplemental ordering system. If you need more doses than the system will allow you to order, please contact the VFC program.
- Providers will need to provide the number of influenza doses your practice has administered to date with each supplemental flu request.
- Providers must log all VFC flu doses administered on the VFC Flu Usage Log (IMM-1053), on a similar usage form, or on an electronic health system.
- Your supplemental flu request will be shipped in full. Please ensure that your shipping hours are updated by logging onto your MYVFCVACCINES account on eziz.org. Please also ensure that you can store all the doses you request. Confirmed flu vaccine orders <u>cannot be canceled</u>.

FluMist Replacement Program:

- Initially shipped doses of FluMist expires on 12/8/14. VFC encourages you to take advantage of the FluMist® Replacement program to replace expiring doses of FluMist® with doses with a longer expiration date.
- Expired FluMist® doses can be replaced at no cost through the FluMist® Replacement Program. Request replacement doses by calling MedImmune FluMist® CDC Replacement request line at 1-877-633-7375. Additional information can be found on http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/awardees/vaccine-management/excise-tax-flumist.html

If you have any questions, please contact the VFC Customer Service Line at 1-877-243-8832.

Protect your patients! Influenza vaccination is recommended for all children 0-18 yrs in your practice. VFC's website, www.eziz.org, contains a number of influenza resources for your practice.