



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Seasonal Flu Vaccine Update

Dear VFC Provider:

Please refer to the following important seasonal flu-related messages:

FLU VACCINE ORDERING:

- Thank you to all providers who have confirmed their flu orders. If you have not done so yet, please log into www.eziz.org and click on the link to "submit your order for seasonal flu vaccine."

FLU VACCINE SUPPLIES:

- VFC has received partial shipments of influenza vaccine. VFC has processed orders submitted before October 2, 2009 and providers should have received a portion of their order.
- We originally anticipated that the remainder of our vaccine would be arriving in October. We have been notified that sanofi pasteur will be unable to deliver the remainder of their vaccine until sometime in November. Therefore, the remainder of your pediatric 0.25ml Fluzone allocation and some of your 3-18 years multi-dose vial allocation will be delayed.
- We will notify you as soon as we are able to complete shipments. Remember that you **do not** need to submit an additional order. The remainder of your initial order will automatically be shipped to you when inventory is available.
- For those providers who have confirmed their order after October 2nd or have just recently submitted an order have not received any vaccine yet, we will make every effort to get you a portion of your order with our limited supplies received this week.

ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS:

- Please note that your practice may receive one or a combination of products to vaccinate patients in the 3-18 years age category:
 - Novartis Fluvirin Multi-dose vials 4-18 years
 - Sanofi Fluzone Multi-doses vials (to cover your 3-4 year olds, but in sufficient supplies that can be used up through age 18)
 - Sanofi Fluzone PF 0.5mL in Single dose vials or Syringes (to cover your 3-4 year olds and pregnant patients through 18 years)

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDERS

- If additional vaccine supply is available later in the fall, VFC will notify providers that supplemental vaccine requests may be placed.
- If allocations displayed in your practice's Flu Order Screen do NOT match what your clinic received in the preceding season, or do not reflect doses to cover new patient population, please contact your VFC Fields representative or a VFC Customer Service Representative at 1-877-243-8832.

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