



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Return of Expired Influenza Vaccines

Dear VFC Provider,

As we conclude the 2007-2008 influenza season and begin to prepare for this year's season, we would like to remind your staff to make sure any unused doses of influenza vaccine are removed from your refrigerator. With exception of FluMist® (which expired earlier this year), all injectable influenza vaccine products received during this past flu season will expire by June 30, 2008.

Vaccine for Children Program providers must return all expired and spoiled influenza vaccine doses, including vials, syringes, and nasal sprayer packages for the 2007-2008 season, to the program's national vaccine distributor, McKesson Specialty.

Please complete and return a VFC Return and Transfer Form and make a copy for your records (you may download a copy at www.vfc-ca.org). Fax a copy to the VFC Program at 877-FAXX-VFC (877-329-9832) and enclose the original copy of the form in the package. You may use a postage-paid container in which you receive your normal vaccine shipments, and clearly label the outside of the container 'Non-viable Vaccine Enclosed'.

Return vaccines to McKesson Specialty Distribution, 4853 Crumpler Road, Memphis, TN 38141.

**For any questions, please call (877) 243-8832 or
visit our website at www.vfc-ca.org.**

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