



# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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## 2010-2011 Seasonal Flu Vaccine Update

Dear VFC Provider,

Please refer to the following Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Update:

### Vaccine Supply

The California Vaccines for Children Program has received an initial supply of influenza vaccines at VFC's national vaccine distributor. It is expected that multiple subsequent shipments will be received over the next months to complete the state's vaccine supply pre-booked for the 2010-2011 influenza season.

### Order Processing & Shipments

Given the available vaccine supply, VFC has begun processing all confirmed provider orders for categories listed below. Vaccine shipments can be expected to arrive the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

- 3-18 Years Age Group. Product to be shipped: Sanofi Fluzone® Multi-dose Vials
- Healthy 2-18 Years Age Group. Product to be shipped: MedImmune's® FluMist

All confirmed requests 100 doses or less in each of the above categories will be shipped in full. Providers confirming orders over 100 doses for any of the above categories will receive 25% of confirmed doses with this initial shipment. Subsequent shipments for the remaining order balance will be automatically processed and shipped as additional vaccine doses become available.

Order processing for preservative free flu formulations (for children aged 6-35 months and pregnant women less than 19 years of age) will begin as soon as inventory is received, late September/October.

### Supplemental Flu Orders

Providers not able to confirm orders by the August 18<sup>th</sup> order confirmation deadline, or those wishing to receive additional doses, will still have the opportunity to submit a supplemental vaccine request, once Supplemental Flu Ordering is opened up to all providers later in the flu season. VFC will inform you once this occurs.

### VFC's Annual Influenza Program Letter

The VFC Annual Influenza Program letter has been e-mailed to all providers and posted at [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org).

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