

California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program 2019-2020 Initial Flu Order Confirmation Quick Guide

The VFC Program's Initial Flu Order Confirmation system will be available to VFC Providers through VFCVACCINES from July 26, 2019 to August 9, 2019.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FLU VACCINATION SEAS9ON

Discuss and outline key strategies to achieve high influenza vaccination coverage rates for your patients and decrease missed opportunities for vaccination. This may include:

- reminding patients to come in for their annual influenza vaccination
- expanding hours for influenza vaccination and allowing influenza vaccine-only visits
- discussing mechanisms to track patients that will be due to return to the practice for a second dose

ORDER SUBMISSION

The Initial Flu Order Confirmation system is available at WYFCVACCINES. Once logged in, providers will see the Flu Order button; follow on-screen instructions to confirm your initial flu order.

Key steps for confirming your 2019-2020 initial flu order:

- If your practice has any expired flu doses from the previous flu season, immediately remove them from your refrigerator and submit an online Return/Transfer form <u>before</u> confirming your initial flu order
- For providers who submitted a 2019-2020 pre-book, a percentage of confirmed doses will be available for the initial flu order.
- For providers who did NOT submit a 2019-2020 pre-book, the number of doses available for your initial flu order are based on 1) reported usage for key pediatric and adolescent vaccines, and 2) available vaccine supply pre-booked for distribution to California VFC Providers.
- The maximum number of doses that may be requested for the initial flu order will be displayed by brand. Doses allocated for the initial order cannot be shifted between brands.
- Providers have two (2) weeks to review and confirm their initial flu order.

INFLUENZA VACCINE ACCOUNTABILITY

- VFC vaccine doses, including flu, can only be administered to VFCeligible patients 18 years of age and younger. Doses administered must be documented using a vaccine administration log, immunization registry, or an electronic health record system.
- Doses administered and doses on hand must be reported to the VFC Program with each influenza vaccine order.
- If there is no electronic system to track usage, use VFC's <u>Vaccine Usage</u> <u>Log.</u> Available for download on EZIZ.org.
- VFC vaccine cannot be administered to privately-insured patients or adult patients 19 years of age and older under any circumstance. Doing so may constitute fraud or abuse of VFC-supplied vaccines. For the same reasons, borrowing between vaccine supplies is not allowed.

PRIOR to confirming your initial flu order, consider:

The number of flu doses you'll need during the ordering period; base this off any planned reminder/recall influenza vaccination outreach efforts, and the age of scheduled patients—some children will need a second dose for full protection.

Make sure you can store all the doses you request. Orders cannot be canceled once sent for fulfillment.

Flu vaccine orders are processed as VFC receives inventory and orders are sent to the VFC Program's national vaccine distributor for fulfillment. An email notification will be sent to the practice's vaccine coordinator and back-up coordinator upon processing of the order.

Successful and timely delivery of your shipment depends on your delivery information listed in your "MyVFCVaccines" account. Keep these updated at all times, but most importantly before you place a vaccine order. Verify delivery hours are reflective of clinic open hours, especially for the weeks following an order submission.

The initial order is to get your practice started for the season; additional doses should be ordered as needed throughout the season.

You will need to report vaccine doses administered to-date and current on-hand inventory with each flu order, just like routine vaccine orders.

