

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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## **VFC Program Influenza Vaccine Supply Update**

Dear VFC Program providers,

Please refer to the table below for products that are available for ordering through the Program's Supplemental Flu Ordering Site. Supplemental orders are accepted throughout flu season, as supplies permits:

Product	VFC Age Group	Supply
Fluzone® PF Pediatric Formulation, 0.25mL single dose syringes, Sanofi Pasteur	6-35 months	Available
Fluzone® 10 dose vials (5mL) Sanofi Pasteur	3-18 years	Currently not available
Fluarix® PF Formulation 10 pack - 1 dose syringes (0.5mL), GSK	3-18 years	Available
FluMist, 10 pack-1 dose Intranasal Spray, MedImmune	Healthy 2-18 years	Available

- Influenza activity is elevated across the United States. Children 6 months and older in your practice who have not gotten vaccinated yet this season should get vaccinated.
- VFC- supplied vaccine cannot be used for NON-eligible patients. Availability of influenza vaccines for non-VFC eligible patients served by your clinic (private vaccine) can be found at:
  <a href="http://www.preventinfluenza.org/ivats/ivats/">http://www.preventinfluenza.org/ivats/ivats/ivats/</a> healthcare.asp.
- We encourage you to take advantage of MedImmune's FluMist® replacement program to replace doses of VFC-supplied FluMist® with an expiration date between August 2012 and January 31, 2013. All requests must be submitted by January 31, 2013 and expired/expiring doses must be received by McKesson by Friday, February 15, 2013. Replacement Program details are included in the second page of this communication, and are posted on www.eziz.org.

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