



## ARIZONA VFC PROGRAM UPDATE 2015 – 2016 INFLUENZA SEASON

### **ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that influenza vaccine be administered to all children 6 months through 18 years of age. Please remember that children 6 months through 8 years of age receiving influenza vaccine for the first time should receive two doses of influenza vaccine spaced at least four (4) weeks apart.

ACIP has published a simplified algorithm for children 6 months through 8 years for the 2015-2016 influenza season. If a child has received only one previous trivalent or quadrivalent influenza vaccine before July 1, 2015, that child will need two (2) influenza vaccines this season separated at least four (4) weeks apart.

If a child 6 months through 8 years old has received at least two previous trivalent or quadrivalent influenza vaccines before July 1, 2015, that child only needs one influenza vaccine this season and one influenza vaccine each subsequent influenza season.

For more information, see *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, August 7, 2015.  
[http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6430a3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6430a3\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6430a3.htm?s_cid=mm6430a3_e)

If you have questions, please call the Vaccine Center at (602) 364-3642.

### **2015-2016 VFC INFLUENZA VACCINES**

The Arizona Vaccine Center has pre-booked influenza doses for the 2015-2016 Influenza season. All influenza vaccine presentations for the coming flu season will again be quadrivalent. Once the VFC influenza doses are made available to us we will notify providers that they may begin placing their influenza vaccine orders. Please note that we rarely receive the VFC influenza vaccines at the same time you receive your private influenza vaccines.

We have been advised by the CDC and MedImmune, that due to a reformulation, there will be a delay with FluMist. To make up for this delay and its impact on our pending influenza inventory, we have ordered additional doses of other influenza vaccines. We will provide additional information about FluMist as it becomes available.

Providers must order VFC influenza vaccines in ASIIS. You will be able to choose the 2015-2016 influenza order set from your order screen after you have reconciled your current physical VFC

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inventory. We will activate the 2015-2016 influenza order set in ASIIS when we begin receiving doses from the CDC, but until then you will not be able to see the influenza order set.

The VFC program will have the following seven (7) quadrivalent vaccine presentations available to order through ASIIS for VFC eligible children:

Brandname	Age Range	Manufacturer	Packaging	NDC #
Fluarix®	3 years through 18 years	GSK	10 pack - 1 dose 0.5mL syringes	58160-0903-52
FluLaval	3 years through 18 years	GSK	5mL - 10 dose Vial	19515-0898-11
FluMist®	2 years through 18 years	MedImmune	10 pack - 1 dose sprayer (Intranasal)	66019-0302-10
Fluzone®	6 months through 35 months	Sanofi	10 pack - 1 dose 0.25mL syringes	49281-0515-25
Fluzone®	3 years through 18 years	Sanofi	10 pack - 0.5 mL single dose vials	49281-0415-10
Fluzone®	3 years through 18 years	Sanofi	10 pack - 1 dose 0.5mL syringes	49281-0415-50
Fluzone®	6 months through 18 years	Sanofi	5.0mL 10 dose vials	49281-0623-15

## **VFC INFLUENZA DISTRIBUTION PROCESS**

In February or March of each year the Arizona VFC Program places an annual influenza vaccine pre-booking order with the CDC for publicly funded vaccines for the upcoming influenza season. Doses may begin to arrive in late July but often arrive much later: the delivery of doses is outside of the Arizona VFC Program's control. When the CDC releases the influenza doses to the Arizona Vaccine Center we likely will not get all the doses we pre-booked at once. This causes delays in the influenza order approval process. The doses that we receive during that time will be released to providers as quickly and equitably as possible.

Providers should expect this type of delay to occur annually with VFC influenza vaccines. When this happens it does not mean there is a shortage of VFC influenza vaccines; it means the CDC distributor does not have any additional doses available at that time and as soon as more doses become available to the distributor more doses will be made available to Arizona. The Arizona VFC Program will then release the additional doses to VFC provider offices.

Depending on how much influenza vaccine has been released by the CDC to the Arizona Vaccine Center it is possible that your order will be reduced. If we reduce the number of doses you have requested you will be notified via a comment in ASIIS. You may order again in one month.

As we near the end of influenza season it is likely that we will have fully allocated a particular influenza presentation which means that there are no additional doses of that presentation available. If we no longer have a presentation that you ordered we will notify you via ASIIS.

*It is very important that providers read the comments in ASIIS sent by the Arizona Vaccine Center. This is how we will communicate with you regarding your vaccine orders.*

## **REMINDERS AND HELPFUL HINTS FOR SUCCESSFUL VFC INFLUENZA ORDERING**

- The number of doses ordered should be based on the number of doses the provider office will need for the month to serve their VFC population, plus two additional weeks. Consider the amount of flu vaccine you are requesting and the amount of storage space you have in your refrigerator(s) when placing your order.
- When placing your influenza order in ASIIS please closely review and consider age groups, manufacturer, and vaccine dosages. Influenza orders may be reduced due to vaccine availability, doses on hand, the number of doses wasted or expired from the previous influenza season, and the provider's VFC or VFC patient population.
- You will only be allowed to order influenza vaccines once per month. If there is an urgent need for additional doses of influenza vaccine please contact the Vaccine Center at 602-364-3642. We may be able to provide you with additional doses based on availability.
- Temperature logs and doses administered must be reported monthly. Failure to report any of these will result in your order being delayed or cancelled. Temperatures should be entered directly into the Cold Storage Module in ASIIS. If temperature logs are not submitted within 4 days of placing the order your vaccine order will be cancelled.
- All VFC vaccines in your physical inventory must be reconciled in ASIIS before your order can be placed. ASIIS will not allow you to access your order screen until you have reconciled your physical inventory.

## **VFC INFLUENZA REPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR 2014-2015 EXPIRED INFLUENZA**

The 2014-2015 flu season ended June 30, 2014 and all remaining doses in your inventory expired on that day. Those doses must be accounted for and returned. The following influenza reporting documents for the 2014-2015 influenza season are available on the AZDHS website at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/immunization/vaccines-for-children/index.php?pg=forms>

1. *Wasted/Expired Influenza Vaccine Return Form for 2014-2015*
2. *VFC Patient Immunization Log with Flu*

Note: All expired Influenza for 2014-2015 must be reconciled in ASIIS. For inventory reconciliation assistance please refer to the ASIIS Inventory Reconciliation training module: <https://asiis.azdhs.gov/Inventory%20Reconciliation.pdf>

## **VACCINE INFORMATION STATEMENTS (VIS)**

Current Influenza Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) can be obtained on the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flulive.html> (live, intranasal) and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.html> (inactivated). VISs must be provided to patients before flu vaccine administration. Some examples of methods of VIS provision are as follows:

- A practice may produce permanent, laminated office copies of each VIS which may be read by recipients prior to vaccination.
- VISs may be reviewed on a computer monitor (or any video display).
- VISs may be downloaded by the recipient to a smartphone or other electronic device to read at his or her convenience. (VISs have been specially formatted for this purpose.)
- VISs may be made available to be read before the immunization visit (e.g., by giving the patient or parent a copy to take home during a prior visit, or telling them how to download or view a copy from the Internet). These patients must still be offered a copy in one of the formats described previously to read during the immunization visit.
- Providers must still offer a copy (which can be an electronic copy) of each appropriate VIS to take away following the vaccination. However, the recipient may decline to take the copy.