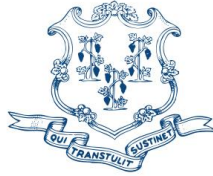


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TO: Health Care Providers

FROM: Mick Bolduc 
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DATE: August 9, 2017

SUBJECT: Update on Seasonal Flu Vaccine Availability

The primary purpose of this communication is to notify you of the availability of seasonal flu vaccine.

Pediatric Influenza Vaccine

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that all children aged 6 months through 18 years be vaccinated yearly against influenza. For the 2017–18 flu season the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) will only be supplying Quadrivalent vaccines licensed for use. The full 2017 Prevention & Control of Influenza with Vaccines Recommendations will be published in the next few weeks and available at: www.cdc.gov/mmwr

The Immunization Program will provide several different formulations of vaccine available to immunize all children aged 6 through 59 months regardless of insurance status as well as all VFC-eligible and SCHIP children aged 5 through 18 years. As a reminder, VFC eligibility is defined as follows:

- Medicaid enrolled
- No health insurance
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

SCHIP children are those children enrolled in HUSKY B.

In addition, children aged 5 through 18 years who are underinsured (have health insurance that does not cover the cost of immunizations) can be immunized with CVP-supplied vaccine.



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Starting August 9th, you can begin to order flu vaccine for your patient population. Please limit your vaccine request to your actual need for the current month. The majority of our influenza vaccine supply is expected to be available in September and October. To avoid vaccine wastage be sure to order only what you need for the current month and not for the entire flu season. Since providers can order as often as they like the CVP encourages providers to order smaller quantities of flu vaccine several times during the course of a month.

All providers must submit their Flu orders to the Immunization Program via fax or email- even those who have transitioned over to direct vaccine ordering on VTrckS.

Below is a list of the flu formulations we will be supplying this upcoming influenza season:

Vaccine	Package	Dose	Age	Preservative Free	NDC #	CPT Code
Fluzone (Sanofi)	Single dose Syringe (Quadrivalent)	0.25 mL	6–35 months	YES	49281-0517-25	90685
Fluzone (Sanofi)	Single dose Syringe (Quadrivalent)	0.5 mL	3 years and older	YES	49281-0417-50	90686
Fluzone (Sanofi)	Single dose Vial (Quadrivalent)	0.5 mL	3 years and older	YES	49281-0417-10	90686
FluLaval (GSK)	Single dose Syringe (Quadrivalent)	0.5 mL	6 months and older	YES	19515-0912-52	90686
Flucelvax (Seqirus)	Single dose Syringe (Quadrivalent)	0.5 mL	4 years and older	YES	70461-0201-01	90674

Providers may not receive their entire flu request in one shipment especially in August & September. The CVP will do the best we can to fulfill your order but you may receive several

shipments over the course of a month. Providers can continue using the Influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) dated 8/7/15. That document can be accessed at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.pdf

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.