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TO: All CVP Providers
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SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccines for the 2019-20 flu season

The primary purpose of this communication is to provide you with an update about the timing for distribution of influenza vaccine for the upcoming 2019-20 flu season.

Influenza Vaccine

In February, the World Health Organization and the Food and Drug Administration decided to delay by one month the selection of one of the four strains (A/H3N2) of the flu virus for the 2019-20 Northern Hemisphere influenza formulation. This delay allowed health authorities to collect additional vital information to help assure the best possible selection of the A/H3N2 strain for inclusion in this season's upcoming flu vaccine. Based on this delay, CDC has asked each of the vaccine manufacturers for an update on when they anticipate beginning to distribute influenza vaccine for the 2019-20 season so that providers can plan accordingly.

Manufacturer/Brand Name	Distribution Estimated to Begin
AstraZeneca-FluMist [®]	Early September
GSK-FluLaval [®]	Mid August
Sanofi Pasteur-Fluzone [®]	Late August/Early September
Seqirus-Flucelvax [®]	Mid August

AstraZeneca (manufacturers of FluMist[®]) has also informed CDC that their supply for the 2019-20 influenza season will be reduced in both the public and private sectors. In Connecticut this reduction means we will be receiving only 1/3 of our original pre-book or about 5,200 doses.

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



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