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Important Influenza Vaccine Ordering Instructions

Dear Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Participants:

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization, is now pre-booking influenza vaccine orders for the 2009-2010 influenza season. It is very important for the Bureau of Immunization to know how many doses of each influenza vaccine formulation our providers plan to order during the coming flu season.

NOTE: For the 2009-2010 influenza season, the VFC Program will be providing preservative-free, single dose packaging of influenza vaccine formulations for all ages.

Instructions on How to Complete the Pre-booking Influenza Vaccine Order Form

Complete the Pre-Booking Influenza Vaccine Order form to pre-book the influenza vaccine for the 2009-2010 influenza season and fax it to (850) 245-4734. The VFC Program will make every effort to accommodate your request given the availability of the vaccine. Please refer to the description of the available products below.

- 0.25 ml dose, preservative-free, for VFC-eligible children 6 to 35 months of age
- 0.50 ml dose, preservative-free for VFC-eligible children 36 months through 18 years of age
- FluMist® (live, intranasal), for VFC-eligible children 2 to 18 years of age

In order to avoid unnecessary delays in the processing of your influenza vaccine order, please make sure to follow these steps:

- a. Submit the influenza vaccine order utilizing this year's VFC Pre-booking Influenza Vaccine Order form. Product availability listed in this year's form may differ from previous years.
- b. Indicate the total number of influenza vaccine doses you need for the 2009-2010 influenza season.
- c. Estimate the vaccine order based on influenza doses administered during the 2008-2009 season.
- d. The deadline to submit the pre-booking vaccine order is **February 28, 2009**. The VFC Program will notify providers as soon as they receive inventories of influenza vaccine and McKesson Specialty begins shipping approved vaccine orders.
- e. When placing the pre-booking vaccine order, indicate the number of doses requested in order to immunize VFC-eligible children according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations.

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- f. Please note that influenza vaccine orders will be approved according to the practice's profile estimates and the proportion of children they will immunize.
- g. If necessary, the VFC Program may adjust the number of doses sent due to demand or limitations on supply.

If you have questions concerning medical aspects or the recommendations for the vaccine, contact Phyllis Yambor, R.N., Bureau of Immunization, at (850) 245-4342. For further information regarding the VFC Program influenza vaccine supply, contact Robert Griffin or your VFC Program representative at (800) 483-2543. You can also visit our website for more information at www.immunizeflorida.org.

Sincerely,

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PRE-BOOKING INFLUENZA VACCINE ORDER FORM 2009-2010 SEASON

Provider's Name		PIN	
Shipping Address		Phone	
		Fax	
Contact Person		Date	

The following guidance should offer some assistance in making optimum use of the influenza vaccine formulations to assure coverage of children in the highest at-risk age cohorts:

- 0.25 ml dose, preservative-free, for VFC-eligible children age 6-35 months
- 0.50 ml dose, preservative-free, for VFC-eligible children 36 months through 18 years of age
- FluMist® (live, intranasal), for VFC-eligible children 2 to 18 years of age

For VFC Use Only Doses Approved	Name of the Vaccine	Packaging/ Presentation	Number of Doses Requested
	.25 ml-preservative-free - 6-35 months*	10 pack - 1 dose	
	0.50 ml-preservative-free - 36 months through 18 years of age*	10 pack - 1 dose	
	FluMist® (live, intranasal), for VFC-eligible children 2 to 18 years of age (preservative-free)*	10 pack – 1 dose sprayers	

***NOTE:** The VFC Program will make every effort to accommodate your request, given the availability of the vaccine.

Notes or Comments: