

Dear Providers,

This newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily. We welcome your questions and comments. Email us at [immunization.program@ventura.org](mailto:immunization.program@ventura.org)

### Ventura County Flu Clinics Schedule

Click here  to view the 2018–19 Flu Clinics Schedule.

Influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone six months of age and older. If you don't provide influenza vaccination in your clinic, please recommend vaccination to your patients and refer them to a clinic or pharmacy that provides vaccines. You can also refer them to the HealthMap Vaccine Finder to locate sites near their workplaces or homes that offer influenza vaccination services.

### Influenza is spreading and serious; use National Influenza Vaccination Week to remind your patients they need to be protected

#### National Influenza Vaccination Week. Be a flu fighter!

- Make sure your patients 6 months and older are protected from flu.
- Some children younger than 9 years of age need two doses. Recall your patients who need their 2nd dose.



### CDC published "Quick Stats" report in this week's MMWR based on 2017 National Health Interview Survey of percentage of U.S. adults 18 and over who received flu vaccination

CDC published a "Quick Stats" report, [Percentage of U.S. Adults Aged ≥18 Years Who Have Had a Flu Vaccination in the Past 12 Months, by Sex and Age Group—National Health Interview Survey, 2017](#) in the November 30 issue of *MMWR* (page 1330). The text accompanying the "Quick Stats" table is reprinted below.

*Overall, 46.7% of women and 39.9% of men aged ≥18 years have had a flu vaccination in the past 12 months. For both sexes, as age increased, a higher percentage of adults had a flu vaccination. Among men, 27.8% of those aged 18–44 years, 40.8% of those aged 45–64 years, and 68.7% of those aged ≥65 years have had a flu vaccination. Among women, 37.2% of those aged 18–44 years, 46.4% of those aged 45–64 years, and 67.1% of those aged ≥65 years have had a flu vaccination. Women aged 18–44 years and 45–64 years were significantly more likely to have had a flu vaccination compared with men of the same age groups.*

### HPV Expansion

- On 10/5/18 FDA approved to expand the use of Gardasil 9 to include women and men aged 27 through 45 years

### When Introducing new vaccines or new vaccine recommendations

- Wait for ACIP recommendations
- Send a clinical letter
- Adjust job aids
- Wait for supply
- Adjust our vaccine spend plan

- Make product available
- Typically, a 2-3 months' process

## VFC Providers

### Supplemental Flu Ordering

- Providers are encouraged to submit frequent orders throughout flu season.
- Supplemental ordering remains open throughout influenza season as vaccine supply permits.
- Doses administered and doses on-hand must be reported to the VFC Program with each supplemental influenza vaccine order.

### Shingrix

- Due to high levels of demand for GSK's Shingrix vaccine, GSK has implemented order limits and providers have experienced shipping delays.
- Order limits and shipping delays will continue throughout 2018.
- GSK has increased the number of doses available for the US market in 2018 and further increases are planned for 2019.

## VFC Recertification 2019



### 2019 VFC Recertification Instructions

VFC Providers are required to complete and submit the online VFC Recertification form annually in order to continue participation in the VFC Program and receive VFC-supplied vaccines.

The 2019 VFC Recertification process consists of 3 Key Parts:

#### **Part 1: Identify the 4 required key staff for your practice.**

Each provider must identify staff members to be assigned as the following roles:

1. Provider of Record
2. Provider of Record Designee
3. Vaccine Coordinator
4. Back-Up Vaccine Coordinator

#### **Part 2: Your practice's 4 key staff members must take the required EZIZ lessons.**

**Part 3:** Gather the required information and complete the online Recertification form.

Utilize the [2019 VFC Recertification Worksheet](#) to gather information ahead of time.

When ready, login to your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account to complete the Recertification Form.

Please refer to the official [VFC Program communication regarding 2019 Recertification](#) for additional information

#### **EVERY TIME you place a vaccine order, review your practice's delivery days and times.**

Deliveries are made according information reflected in your "[MYVFCVaccines](#)" account. If your practice will be on vacation or unable to receive shipments, please contact the VFC Customer Service Center as soon as possible.

Undeliverable shipments due to incorrect shipping hours lead to delivery delays, can result in vaccine damage, and may even lead to a negligent vaccine loss. Your practice may be held financially accountable. All staff working with immunizations should be knowledgeable about proper procedures for receiving, inspecting, and storing vaccines.

**2018-2019 Influenza Vaccine Supply Update:** For information on Vaccine Supply updates and Supplemental ordering visit. <http://eziz.org>

**VFC Resources:**

- [2018-19 Flu Vaccine Guide](#)
- [VFC Provider Operations Manual](#)
- [California Immunization Registry \(CAIR\)](#)
- [Temperature Logs and Job Aids](#)
- [Thermometer Calibration Requirements](#)
- [Digital Data Loggers](#)
- [Immunization Champion](#)

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org)  
You can also view this information on <http://www.vhca.org/immunization-program>

or follow us on:



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