

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

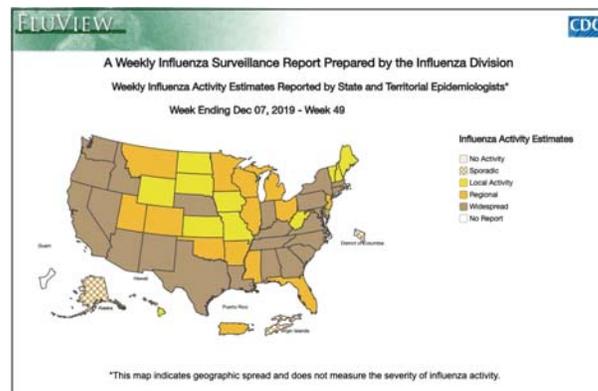
January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month; many resources are available for you and your patients

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month is an annual observance in January that can be used to highlight the need to improve HPV vaccination coverage. CDC has suggested sharing the following resources, accessible on its website, for raising awareness of cervical cancer:

- CDC's [Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\)](#) web section for clinicians
- HPV infographic: [Screening Won't Protect Your Patients from Most HPV Cancers](#)
- [Why Is HPV Vaccine Important?](#) web page
- [6 Reasons to Get the HPV Vaccine for Your Child](#)

Seasonal influenza activity in the U.S. elevated for five weeks and continues to increase. Make sure all your patients are getting vaccinated!

According to CDC, seasonal influenza activity in the United States has been elevated for five weeks and continues to increase. CDC stated in its Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report, [FluView](#), that as of the week ending December 7, the number of jurisdictions reporting regional or widespread activity increased to 38 this week from 30 last week.



Influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone six months of age and older, so please continue to vaccinate all your patients in this age range. 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 or to the [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) to locate influenza vaccination services near them.

Related Links:

- CDC's [Seasonal Flu web section](#)
- CDC's [FluView web section](#)
- CDC's [Free Resources related to influenza](#)

VFC PROVIDERS:

2020 Vaccines for Children (VFC) Recertification

The 2020 VFC Recertification form is now available on your [MyVFCvaccines](#) home page on [EZIZ.org](#). Providers will have more than 30 days to complete and submit Recertification. In order to prevent a lapse in participation in the VFC Program and delays in processing of vaccine requests, providers must complete and submit their

practice's Recertification by **Monday, January 20, 2020**. Once submitted, Recertification will be valid through 2020.

The 2020 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 [2020 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 2020 Recertification](#) for additional information

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, www.eziz.org

You can also view this information on <http://www.vchca.org/immunization-program>

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