

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)

**CDC has released new “interim” VISs** for hepatitis B; influenza, inactivated or recombinant; influenza, live intranasal; MenACWY; MenB; MMR; MMRV; and varicella vaccines; as well as a “final” VIS for Japanese encephalitis vaccine.

**Access these new VISs on IAC's website, [immunize.org/vis](http://immunize.org/vis):**

### Interim VISs

- [Hepatitis B](#)
- [Influenza, inactivated or recombinant](#)
- [Influenza, live intranasal](#)
- [Meningococcal ACWY](#)
- [Meningococcal B](#)
- [MMR](#)
- [MMRV](#)
- [Varicella](#)

Providers are encouraged to begin using these VISs immediately, but stocks of the previous editions may be used until their supply has run out.

Translations of previous VIS versions may be used until new translations become available. CDC states that the corresponding up-to-date English-language VIS must also be supplied when providing an out-of-date translation.

### **Are your patients protected against vaccine-preventable diseases and ready for school entry this fall?**

With new school immunization [regulations](#) now in effect, consult the following resources to ensure your patients have the vaccines they need to start school:

- [Guide to Immunization Requirements for Pre-kindergarten \(Child Care\)](#)
- [Guide to Immunization Requirements for K-12th Grade](#)
- [Provider Toolkit for 7th Grade Requirement](#)

Please note: all 7<sup>th</sup> graders need one Tdap and two chickenpox shots. Other vaccines may be required based on a patient’s admission status. Use [this guide](#) to help patients get caught up.

Please see [this guide](#) and these [key messages](#) for more ideas.

Thank you for your continued efforts in protecting California’s children against vaccine-preventable diseases.

### **Is your practice ready for flu season**

Make sure your practice is ready to both vaccinate and communicate the importance of flu vaccination.

- **Flu VISs are no longer updated every year. The edition dated 8/15/2019 should be used for the 2019-20 flu season.**
- Refer to the latest [influenza vaccine recommendations from the ACIP](#).
- Use CDPH’s [2019-2020 Flu Vaccine Identification Guide](#) to distinguish among products.
- Strongly recommend flu vaccine to all your patients age six months and older. The strongest predictor of getting vaccinated is a provider’s recommendation.
- [Ventura County Health Officer Masking Order](#).

### **For VFC Providers:**

The 2019-2020 Initial Flu Vaccine Order form for California VFC providers is now available on your

MyVFCVaccines account. Utilize the Initial Flu Vaccine Order Form to inform the VFC Program how many doses

your practice would like to receive out of your approved pre-booked or allocated amounts as part of your initial shipments.

For more information, please read the attached “2019-2020 VFC Influenza Vaccine Ordering Instructions” letter, the “2019-2020 Flu Order Confirmation FAQs” document, and the “VFC Flu Order Confirmation Quick Guide Visit the POM and EZIZ for details:

- [VFC Program Operations Manual \(POM\)](#): Responding to Vaccine-Related Emergencies
- [Storage and Handling Job Aids](#)

## 2019-2020 INFLUENZA VACCINE COMPOSITION AND FORMULATIONS

VFC Program products for the 2019-2020 influenza season include:

Products	Dose Volume	Minimum Age in California	CPT
Fluarix® pre-filled syringes	0.5 mL at all ages	6 months	90686
FluLaval® pre-filled syringes	0.5 mL at all ages	6 months	90686
FluLaval® Multi-dose vial	0.5 mL	3 years; and not pregnant*	90688
Fluzone® Multi-dose vial	0.5 mL	3 years; and not pregnant*	90688
Flucelvax® pre-filled syringes	0.5 mL	4 years	90674
FluMist® pre-filled syringes^	0.2 mL	2 years; and not pregnant*	90672

\*According to California law, pregnant women or children younger than 3 years old may only receive vaccine doses that contain no more than trace levels of mercury [Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 124172, Chapter 837, Statutes of 2004 (AB 2943, Pavley)]. **Multi-dose vials of influenza vaccine currently exceed the legal limit of mercury content and should not be used in these groups.** VFC preservative-free influenza VFC vaccine formulations should be used for administration to VFC-eligible children younger than 3 years of age and pregnant teens younger than 19 years of age.

^ Limited supply available primarily to school-based influenza vaccination efforts.

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.vchca.org/immunization-program>

or follow us on:



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