



Monthly Immunization Update October 2019

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

Is your practice ready for flu season

Routine annual influenza immunization with any licensed, age-appropriate influenza vaccine (inactivated, live or recombinant) is recommended for all persons 6 months and older who do not have contraindications. Influenza causes significant illness, medical visits, hospitalizations, and death each year. Influenza vaccines continue to be the best way to prevent influenza.

The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recently posted its recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines for the 2019-2020 influenza season at <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/rr/rr6803a1.htm>.

Children younger than 9 years of age who have not been previously immunized with at least two doses of influenza vaccine before July 1, 2019 need two doses of influenza vaccine this season for optimal protection. All children aged 6 months through 8 years who are recommended for two doses should receive their first dose as soon as possible after vaccine becomes available; these children should receive the second dose 4 weeks or more after the first dose.

2019-2020 INFLUENZA VACCINE COMPOSITION AND FORMULATIONS

For the 2019-2020 influenza season, the California VFC Program is offering only quadrivalent, inactivated influenza vaccines representing the following strains:

- A/Brisbane/02/2018 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus*
- A/Kansas/14/2017 (H3N2)-like virus*
- B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage)
- B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata/16/88 lineage).

*change in strain from the 2018-19 formulation

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

- **Flu VISs has been updated this year. The edition dated 8/15/2019 should be used for the 2019-2020 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](#).
- Ventura County Flu Clinics Schedule.



[Click here](#) to view the 2019-2020 Flu Clinics Schedule.

IAC revises “Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Children and Teens” and “Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Adults”

IAC recently revised the following two standing orders templates related to influenza vaccination:

1. [Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Children and Teens](#): Changes were made to add a 0.5 mL dose of Fluzone and also a 0.25 mL dose of Afluria to the influenza vaccine options for children age 6–35 months, to address a third category of young children that may need a second dose of influenza vaccine, to add baloxavir as another influenza antiviral medication that would be a contraindication for LAIV, and to update links to several references.
2. [Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Adults](#): Changes were made to add baloxavir as another influenza antiviral that would be a contraindication for LAIV and to update links to several references.

Related Links

- IAC’s [Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Children and Teens](#)
- IAC’s [Standing Orders for Administering Influenza Vaccine to Adults](#)

Visit IAC’s [Standing Orders Templates for Administering Vaccines](#) web page to access standing orders for administering all routinely recommended vaccines

VFC PROVIDERS:

As we enter fall, the danger of fall wildfires driven by high winds (typical of October California weather) may increase the chances of a Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS) in high fire danger areas and beyond. Steps outlined in this communication can help your clinic prepare and respond to an extended power outage due to PSPS from your electric company and reduce the risk of spoiling your entire vaccine supply.

[Vaccine Management During Public Safety Power Shut- offs \(PSPS\)](#)

ELIGIBILITY FOR VFC-SUPPLIED SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE

All VFC-eligible children aged 6 months through 18 years of age in your practice should be vaccinated according to ACIP recommendations.

VFC-supplied seasonal influenza vaccine can be administered only to VFC-eligible children. As with all other VFC-supplied vaccines, influenza vaccine doses:

- Can be used only for VFC-eligible children.
- CANNOT be used for privately insured children or adult patients 19 years of age and older under any circumstance; this may constitute fraud or abuse of VFC-supplied vaccines.
- Doses may be administered to underinsured children ONLY at a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Center
- 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
Fluzone® 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
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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>
or follow us on:



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