



Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) 2017-2018 Flu season helpful hints

*Flumist **will not** be available this season.

There will be 9 different presentations; 83% of them are single dose syringes as per provider preference. (Providers were polled in January-**those responses were not orders or guarantees of doses**). Single dose syringes take up much more space than vials-please keep that in mind when placing orders. Please plan for your vaccine storage needs NOW.

The Immunization Program Office will open flu vaccine ordering when it has at least 25% of its doses available in the McKesson warehouse. Watch ASIIS for the announcement.

The Immunization Program Office strongly encourages smaller, more frequent orders. When placing a flu vaccine order, be sure to place a comment in the comment box in ASIIS that states where AIPO can find your submitted temperature logs (entered in cold storage module, via fax, via email).

Some flu vaccine orders may be reduced based on available doses and presentations. This will continue until 100% of the Arizona allocation is received.

NOTE: ***THERE ARE NO BACKORDERS! If your order has been reduced, you will NOT automatically receive the balance of your order. **Additional doses will be delivered ONLY if you place a subsequent order for additional doses of flu vaccine.** ***

Flu doses must be received in ASIIS before they are administered to patients. Flu doses received should be administered and recorded in ASIIS ASAP. Orders for additional vaccine may be put on hold or denied if it appears that orders are not received in ASIIS. Orders for additional vaccine may be reduced or denied if it appears that previously delivered doses have yet to be administered. (For example: if you received 100 doses and are placing a new order for 75 more doses and ASIIS shows that you have not administered more than half of the originally delivered doses, your order may be reduced/denied).

ASIIS information is the only information that the Program Office has available to make this determination.

Check ASIIS frequently. The Immunization Program Office provides regular updates and specific notices to providers in ASIIS.

For questions about flu vaccine ordering please contact the Vaccine Center at:
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