



## Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) 2020-2021 Flu season helpful hints

Flu vaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season was pre-booked in February 2020.

There will be 7 different flu vaccine presentations; a majority of them are single dose syringes as per VFC 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 annual allocation of flu doses available in the McKesson warehouse. Flu vaccine order sets in ASIIS will be edited as vaccine presentations are available. If you do not see your desired presentation in the order set you can select a different presentation or wait until your preference becomes available (no guarantees of if/when presentations will become available). Similarly, when a presentation is no longer available, that presentation will be removed from the order set.

### **Watch ASIIS for the announcement that flu vaccine ordering is open.**

The Immunization Program Office strongly encourages smaller, more frequent orders.

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 Immunization 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 Immunization Program Office; Vaccine Center at:  
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