

To: Vaccine for Children Program Providers  
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Subject: **VFC Influenza Vaccine Distribution 2015-2016**

**Distribution of VFC influenza vaccines in Tennessee begins this week.**

The VFC influenza vaccine shipments will not be managed in TennIIS VOMS inventory. The VFC Program will be updating you each week through the VFC Listserv email on how many influenza doses of which brands were distributed statewide.

Individual facility contacts received an email reminder of their pre-booked orders last month. If your facility did not pre-book vaccine, call us as soon as possible to reserve a supply.

Initial shipments could begin arriving as soon as today, **Wednesday, Sept. 2**. The following formulations will be part of this initial shipment:

**VFC Vaccines Doses Shipped:**

3,270	FLUARIX	36 months+	NDC 58160-0903-52	Quadrivalent prefilled syringe 10-packs
980	FLUZONE	36 months+	NDC 49281-0415-10	Quadrivalent single dose vial 10-packs

**See below for key points on this season's influenza vaccine and distribution.**

**TN Flu VFC Distribution Plan for 2015-16:**

- 100% of your pre-booked quantity will be shipped in multiple shipments over time as we receive supplies without any additional action on your part.
- Shipment size: to avoid exceeding your storage capacity, we will limit your initial shipment to no more than 25% of your total order in a single shipment.
- Storage Capacity If you need to limit shipment sizes further or can accept larger shipments (supplies permitting), contact Sarah Moore, Vaccine Distribution Administrator, at 615-253-6915.
- Timing of specific product availability will vary. Our goal is to get out the vaccine types you ordered as soon as they are available to us, which is why you will receive several shipments.
- Need more? Should you require additional doses after receiving your full pre-booked order, we will announce vaccine availability once our pre-book obligations have been met.
- It will NOT be necessary to enter Flu vaccine into TennIIS inventory manually; however if you want to order more vaccine than was pre-booked, then providers will need to submit paper reconciliation form of flu vaccine usage with their request.

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- Known delay: live-attenuated intranasal influenza vaccine (LAIV - FluMist) – MedImmune has announced that roughly 30% of all FluMist will be available in September, 30% in October and the balance by early December.

**CDC vaccine recommendations for 2015-16:**

- All persons aged 6 months and up should receive influenza vaccination annually.
- **Updated:** CDC has no preference for any specific product in any age group this season.
- **Updated:** Children 6-months through 8-years require 2 doses this season (at least 4 weeks apart) *if* they have not had 2 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine (given in one or more seasons) before July 1, 2015, or if they are not sure. Any licensed product may be used for either dose.
- **VIS:** The required, current Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for both LAIV and IIV are dated **8/7/15** and must be used for all patients.