

Flu Vaccine Reminders for Providers

Prepare Your Patient Roster for Flu Season with a Quick Vaccine Reminder

We know that talking with parents and families about the importance of getting a flu vaccine can make a difference! You can help drive better flu vaccine uptake on your roster by implementing an immunization reminder.

Use an immunization reminder and recall system to identify and notify families whose children are behind on immunizations (recall) or due soon (reminder). Using these systems may be one of the most powerful ways to catch up those who are behind and ensure optimal vaccination rates.



Setting up Reminder Recalls in I-CARE

Identify patients overdue for their flu vaccine with these steps:

- 1 Decide on an age range to focus on.
- 2 Run a query for those patients who are over 30 days overdue for flu vaccination.
- 3 Run the same query in your EHR.
- 4 Pull the records for everyone who came up on these lists.
- 5 Connect with these patients to recommend a flu vaccine this season.

Ways to Connect with Overdue Patients

- ✓ Postcards
- ✓ Text Messages
- ✓ Phone Calls

Co-administer Flu & COVID-19 Vaccines!

You can and should co-administer flu and COVID-19 vaccines if a patient is eligible. This saves on time and stress for everyone.

Why Take Further Action:

- During the 2022/2023 season, there were over **140 pediatric deaths** due to flu compared to 45 in 2021-2022.
- 2022 pediatric flu vaccine rates were **down by 6.5%** compared to 2020 rates.
- Children younger than two are at the **highest risk for complications** due to flu, with the highest hospitalization and death rates among infants younger than 6 months old.
- Getting vaccinated **can help protect** those most severely impacted by flu who may not be eligible for the flu vaccine!

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