

MEMORANDUM

TO: VFC and AIP Program Medical Directors and Vaccine Coordinators
FROM: IDPH Immunization Section
DATE: August 2, 2024
RE: **2024-2025 Seasonal Influenza (Flu) Ordering**

This notification is for providers in Illinois **outside** of the City of Chicago. Provider offices within the City of Chicago should refer to guidance from the Chicago Department of Public Health.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is now accepting publicly funded flu orders for the 2024-2025 season. This is effective immediately.

Flu Vaccines for the 2024-25 Season

While we cannot predict when each formulation will become available, the table below indicates the vaccines that IDPH is expecting for this flu season.

PFS = Prefilled syringe

VFC = Vaccines for Children Program

AIP = Adult Immunization Program (formerly known in Illinois as Adult 317)

• Note: A limited subset of providers is eligible to provide AIP vaccines.

Age Group	Brand Name	Packaging	Manufacturer	Publicly Funded Program
36 months and older ¹	Afluria Trivalent	10 pack PFS	Seqirus	VFC and AIP
6 months and older ¹	Fluarix Trivalent	10 pack PFS	GSK	AIP ONLY
	FluLaval Trivalent	10 pack PFS	GSK	VFC ONLY
	Fluzone Trivalent	10 pack PFS	Sanofi Pasteur	VFC and AIP
	Flucelvax Trivalent	10 pack PFS	Seqirus USA	VFC and AIP
2 through 49 years ¹	FluMist Trivalent Live, intranasal	10 pack sprayers	AstraZeneca	VFC and AIP

¹ Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccines are for children through 18 years of age who meet other eligibility criteria. Adult Immunization Program (AIP) vaccines are for ages 19 years and older who meet other eligibility criteria.

EARLY SEASON FLU VACCINE ORDERING INFORMATION

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is committed to ensuring providers have flu vaccine available as early as possible for the upcoming season. A plan has been established to ensure that vaccine is available to VFC and AIP sites who need it in the early part of the flu season while manufacturers build up stock at distribution centers.

Flu Vaccine Ordering Timeline

Flu vaccines for the VFC and Section AIP programs are beginning to trickle in as the CDC allocates vaccines to the State of Illinois and other jurisdictions. These vaccines are allocated in limited quantities in the early season.

For providers that want to have vaccine inventory early in the season, we have established an [early season ordering process](#). **This new process is effective immediately.** This will only be in place early in the season while supplies are available in limited quantities. We will review orders and allocate vaccines based on the Illinois vaccine allocation, your current vaccine inventory, and your past ordering practices. Once, vaccines supplies are built up, we will send out an additional notification that flu vaccines will be available for regular ordering with your routine VFC or AIP program vaccines. If you have a special event such as a community flu clinic coming up, please let us know so we can attempt to accommodate your request.

Flu vaccine administration from last season will be taken into account when determining your order for this season.

Limited Quantity Orders

All limited quantity orders will be reviewed and processed weekly. If orders cannot be filled due to supply constraints, order quantities will be reduced and filled at the quantities available. IDPH vaccine supply will be posted in I-CARE. ***Once vaccines supplies are built up, we will send out an additional notification that flu vaccines will be available for regular ordering with your routine VFC or AIP program vaccines.***

Be Prepared for Order Review

To ensure that your order can be processed without delay, please be sure to update your temperature logs, data logger certificates of calibration, vaccine coordinator training certificates, and vaccine inventory.

INFLUENZA VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOURCES

The 2024-2025 influenza ACIP recommendation is not yet available in the MMWR, but a summary of the adopted changes is available [here](#).

Resources:

ACIP meeting slides: [ACIP June 26-28, 2024, Presentation Slides | Immunization Practices | CDC](#)

Package inserts: <https://www.immunize.org/fda/#flu> or at the manufacturer's websites

[Influenza \(Flu\) Vaccine \(Inactivated or Recombinant\) VIS](#)

[Influenza \(Flu\) Vaccine \(Live, Intranasal\) VIS](#)

English and Foreign language VIS: <https://immunize.org/vis/>

Please periodically check the Vaccines Recommendations and Guidelines of the ACIP web page for the 2024-2025 influenza vaccine recommendations here: [ACIP Influenza Vaccine Recommendations | CDC](#).

EARLY SEASON ORDERING PROCESS

- 1) Open the order form from the VFC tab as you normally would. In the Order Intent field, select **Pediatric/VFC Limited Qty** for VFC flu vaccines or **Adult/317 Limited Qty** for AIP flu vaccines.

All Limited Quantity orders will be reviewed and processed by the VFC Program. Every attempt will be made to fill limited quantity orders at the quantities requested. If, due to supply constraints, orders cannot be completely filled, order quantities will be reduced and filled at the quantities available.

Order Intent: Pediatric/VFC Adult/317
 Pediatric/VFC Limited Qty Adult/317 Limited Qty

- 2) Please select the vaccine and enter the quantities you anticipate needing for the upcoming month. Change your order status to Requested as you normally do.
- 3) Once your order is saved, the order will be identified as a limited quantity order.

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- 4) On a weekly basis, IDPH will review its flu vaccine allocations from CDC and will approve requests as inventory allows. The vaccine coordinator will receive an email via I-CARE regarding any approvals, quantity reductions, or other needs.
- 5) If your order was reduced or if you need more vaccine, you may place a new order the following week.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

For help, questions or feedback please contact the IDPH Immunization Section at dph.vaccines@illinois.gov or call 217-785-1455 and select option 2.

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