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MEMORANDUM

TO: VFC and AIP Program Medical Directors and Vaccine Coordinators

FROM: IDPH Immunization Section

DATE: August 8, 2025

RE: **2025-2026 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine 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.

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ACIP Updates

ACIP Influenza Vaccine Recommendations

In June 2025, ACIP voted to reaffirm the recommendations for routine annual influenza vaccination of all persons aged 6 months and older who do not have contraindications. *On July 22nd, these recommendations were endorsed by the HHS Secretary and are official CDC policy. This was posted to the ACIP webpage on August 7th.*

Additionally, in three separate votes, ACIP voted that seasonal influenza vaccines should be provided only in single dose formulations that are free of thimerosal as a preservative for (1) children age 18 years and younger, (2) pregnant women, and (3) all adults. *On July 22nd, these recommendations were endorsed by the HHS Secretary and are official CDC policy. This was posted to the ACIP webpage on July 23rd.*

Please periodically check the ACIP Vaccines Recommendations and Guidelines web page for the 2025-2026 influenza vaccine recommendations here: [ACIP Influenza Vaccine Recommendations | CDC.](#)

VFC and AIP Flu Vaccines for the 2025-26 Season

Availability of Fluzone High-Dose and Fludac – **NEW**

In June 2024, for the period beginning with the 2024-2025 flu season, ACIP recommended that Fluzone High-Dose (HD-IIV3) and Fludac (aIIV3) are acceptable options for solid organ transplant recipients aged 18 through 64 years of age who are receiving immunosuppressive medication regimens. ACIP indicates that there is no preference to use these vaccines over other age appropriate IIV3 or RIV3 vaccines. Additionally, these vaccines are recommended for persons 65 years and older.

Expected Availability for 2025–2026 Seasonal Flu Vaccines

While IDPH cannot predict the exact availability dates, the table below lists the influenza vaccines that are expected for the upcoming season.

All vaccines are:

- Trivalent.
- Thimerosal-free.
- Single-dose presentations, such as prefilled syringes or single-dose sprayers.
- Available in both the Vaccines for Children (VFC) and the Adult Immunization Program (AIP).
 - Note: A limited subset of providers is eligible to provide AIP vaccines.

Anticipated Timeline for Flu Vaccine Ordering

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is committed to ensuring that providers have access to influenza vaccines as early as possible for the upcoming season. Early-season vaccine supply will be limited as manufacturers build inventory at distribution centers. A limited supply of VFC and AIP influenza vaccines are available for ordering effective immediately, and additional quantities and formulations will become available over the next several months. IDPH cannot predict when any given brand of influenza vaccine will become available. Please check I-CARE regularly for availability.

Expected Availability for 2025–2026 Seasonal Flu Vaccines					
Age Group	Type	Brand	Packaging	Manufacturer	NDC Code
36 months and older	SD-IIV3	Afluria	0.5mL PFS 10 pack	Seqirus	33332-0025-03
6 months and older	SD-IIV3	Fluarix	0.5mL PFS 10 pack	GSK	58160-0912-52
	SD-IIV3	FluLaval	0.5mL PFS 10 pack	GSK	19515-0904-52
	SD-IIV3	Fluzone	0.5mL PFS 10 pack	Sanofi Pasteur	49281-0425-50
	ccIIV3	Flucelvax	0.5mL PFS 10 pack	Seqirus USA	70461-0655-03
2 - 49 years	LAIV3	FluMist Live, Intranasal	0.2mL sprayer 10 pack	AstraZeneca	66019-0312-10
65 years and older and 18 - 64 years of age with solid organ transplant and taking immunosuppressive medications	aIIV3	Fluad	0.5mL PFS 10 pack	Seqirus	70461-0025-03
	HD-IIV3	Fluzone High-Dose	0.5mL PFS 10 pack	Sanofi Pasteur	49281-0125-65
Abbreviations: PFS = single-dose prefilled syringe mL = milliliters SD-IIV3 = standard-dose inactivated influenza vaccine, trivalent ccIIV3 = cell culture-based inactivated influenza vaccine, trivalent LAIV3 = live, attenuated influenza vaccine, trivalent aIIV3 = adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine, trivalent HD-IIV3 = high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine, trivalent					

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Ordering Instructions

In the early part of the season, VFC orders for influenza season may be ordered as a limited quantity order. See the instructions below. Later in the season, influenza vaccines may be ordered as a routine VFC order.

To avoid delays, when placing your orders:

- update your hours of operation, taking into account the dates of clinic closures;
- update your temperature logs, and address any temperature excursions with an incident report;
- ensure data logger calibration certificates are up to date; and
- ensure that vaccine coordinator certificates are up to date.

Placing a VFC Limited Quantity Order

From the VFC tab in I-CARE, click on Vaccine Requests, select the “Add Order” button, and then scroll down to the “Order Intent” field. Change the order intent to **Pediatric/VFC Limited Qty**. Search for the vaccine in the “Add Vaccine” field and complete your order as usual.

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.

All Limited Quantity orders will be reviewed and processed by the Vaccine 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 ☒ **Pediatric/VFC Limited Qty** ☐ Adult/317 ☐ Adult/317 Limited Qty

Order Summary: Empty order

Add Vaccine: All Vaccines ▼

Enter search for vaccine by group, brand name, manufacturer, or NDC. Or select from All Vaccines.

Adult Immunization Program (AIP) Ordering Instructions

In the early part of the season, AIP orders for influenza season may be ordered as a limited quantity order. See the instructions below. Later in the season, influenza vaccines may be ordered as a routine AIP order.

To avoid delays, when placing your orders:

- update your hours of operation, taking into account the dates of clinic closures;
- update your temperature logs, and address any temperature excursions with an incident report;
- ensure data logger calibration certificates are up to date; and
- ensure that vaccine coordinator certificates are up to date.

Placing an AIP Limited Quantity Order

From the VFC tab in I-CARE, click on Vaccine Requests, select the “Add Order” button, and then scroll down to the “Order Intent” field. Change the order intent to **Adult/317 Limited Qty**. Search for the vaccine in the “Add Vaccine” field and complete your order as usual.

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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.