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TO: All NJVFC and Adult Providers

FROM: New Jersey Vaccines for Children Program

SUBJECT: 2014 Influenza Vaccine Availability and Ordering

DATE: August 29, 2014

Ordering for influenza vaccine will open today. Due to delays in vaccine manufacturing and delivery to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only 10% of our overall allocation has been received thus far. In addition, not all manufacturers' vaccines are currently in stock and available to us through CDC. Initial vaccine orders will be limited to 100 doses per type of vaccine due to current availability. Once NJVFC receives additional allocations, the ordering limit for providers will be removed and a notification will be sent out via email and posted on the NJIIS Bulletin Board.

A summary of the latest Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) influenza vaccine recommendations for the 2014-2015 influenza season is available on the CDC's website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/influenza/about/season/influenza-season-2014-2015.htm>

NEW ACIP INFLUENZA VACCINE PREFERENCE FOR 2014-2015

On June 25, 2014, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend a preference for using the nasal spray influenza vaccine (LAIV) instead of the influenza shot (IIV) in healthy children 2-8 years of age when the nasal influenza vaccine is immediately available. ACIP's recommendation emphasizes that both LAIV and IIV are safe and effective. It specifies that while clinicians should administer LAIV if both it and IIV are on hand, they should not delay vaccination if LAIV is not immediately available.

The new ACIP recommendation is based on a review of available studies that suggests the nasal spray influenza vaccine can provide better protection against laboratory-confirmed, medically attended influenza illness than the influenza shot among children in this age group. Please see the full recommendation here: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/s0625-acip.html>

CHANGE IN HOW TO PLACE INFLUENZA VACCINE ORDERS

You will now enter influenza vaccine orders in the Inventory Management, Order and Distribution System (IMODS). **Orders will no longer be faxed to the NJ VFC Program for entry.** To place a flu order; log into IMODS, click on Order Management, click on New Order, click on Place Order and choose Place Flu Order. All available flu vaccine will be on the order page. Check back to see when additional brands or formulations become available. When ordering routine vaccines, order flu vaccine at the same time, on the same order page.

Ordering Information

- Check the office delivery address in IMODS and make needed changes prior to placing a vaccine order. Call VFC to change the days and hours open. Shipments returned to McKesson delay the receipt of vaccines.
- Orders are temporarily limited to 100 doses per type of influenza vaccine
- Order again when inventory of any one influenza vaccine decreases to 20%
- After the ordering limit is removed, maintain a 30 day inventory to minimize waste
- Multiple orders for the exact same vaccine (or vaccine which was ordered but not yet received) will not be honored
- Temperature logs must be current for the last 2 week period prior to placing an order
- Influenza vaccine may also be ordered along with routine vaccines
- Prior to scheduling an influenza vaccination clinic, have the vaccine on hand
- Influenza vaccine for pre-approved adult sites will also be available
 - Influenza vaccine made with cell-culture technology (non-egg based) will be available for adults who are allergic to eggs

Delivery Information

- Influenza vaccine will arrive earlier and be shipped separately from routine vaccines
- Influenza vaccine will be delivered Monday through Friday, depending on your office hours
- It is not possible to “rush order” influenza vaccine
- Upon receipt of the vaccine, accept the shipment then call NJVFC immediately if there is any problem with the shipment, such as an out-of-range temperature monitor, receipt of the wrong vaccine or wrong number of doses

FLUMIST 2014-2015 REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Replacement Program allows for the replacement of unused, expiring or expired FluMist, at no cost. The Replacement Program begins on November 17, 2014 and ends on January 31, 2015. Replacement doses are shipped after your expiring or expired doses are received at McKesson.

How the Program Works:

1. Contact the FluMist® Replacement Program by email (influenzamistreplacement@mckesson.com) or phone (1-877-633-7375) and provide the number of doses you need replaced, how many boxes you need to return, and your NJ VFC Provider Identification Number (PIN).
2. Follow the instructions to return and obtain replacement InfluenzaMist.
3. Pack the expired/expiring doses and have them ready to be picked up the next business day. FluMist does not have to be returned cold.
4. No replacements will be made from December 20, 2014 to January 3, 2015.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Only FluMist received from the NJ VFC program can be returned for replacement.
- Expired FluMist or FluMist due to expire in 15 days can be returned.
- Doses will be replaced in increments of 10.
 - Doses from multiple lot numbers can be put together to make a box of 10.
 - Doses that are less than a multiple of 10 will be rounded down.