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TO: All NJVFC and Adult Providers
FROM: New Jersey Vaccines for Children Program
SUBJECT: 2014 Influenza Vaccine Availability and Ordering Update
DATE: September 9, 2014

The CDC has provided flu vaccine availability updates for Sanofi Pasteur (Fluzone) and Medimmune (FluMist) vaccines which we want to share with you.

- Sanofi Pasteur is experiencing a slower start with Fluzone vaccine shipments than typically seen in past seasons.
- Although the delay is isolated to initial shipments, it will take beyond September to get back to initially planned supply timing.
- The above delays will affect all Fluzone vaccine presentations, but all presentations are not impacted equally.
- Sanofi Pasteur's goal is to continue to supply doses in a manner that supports historical immunization trends, with the majority of Fluzone vaccine doses distributed in September and October in time to immunize patients before widespread influenza virus circulation typically occurs.
- Sanofi Pasteur plans to fill all flu vaccine orders in full.
- MedImmune has now shipped almost 95% of the CDC contracted orders originally planned for August release.

The NJVFC Program has received a small allocation of Fluzone .25 syringes for children aged 6 – 35 months and will open these for order today. This vaccine will be limited to 100 doses per order. When the allocation of this vaccine has been exhausted, it will be closed to ordering until NJVFC receives its next allocation. The date of the next allocation of Fluzone .25 syringes is unknown at this time. If your office recently ordered flu vaccine but needs to order Fluzone .25 syringes, you can enter another flu order online today.

Flucelvax is now in stock. Flucelvax should only be used to immunize adult (≥ 19 years) patients who have an identified egg allergy. Adult/317 sites may only order Flucelvax in 10 dose (1 box) increments.

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