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TO: All NJVFC and Adult Providers  
FROM: New Jersey Vaccines for Children Program  
SUBJECT: 2013 Flu Vaccine Availability and Ordering

The VFC Program is pleased to announce we have received our initial influenza vaccine allocation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and we are opening influenza ordering today. As in years past, the program has received an initial portion of inactivated vaccine doses and will need to temporarily limit orders until more stock is received. When the order limit is removed, an email will be sent and a notice will be posted on the NJIIS Bulletin Board.

This year's influenza vaccine is primarily available in quadrivalent formulation and trivalent vaccines will be very limited. Quadrivalent influenza vaccine contains protection against two type A and two type B influenza viruses. Fluarix and FluMist are both available in quadrivalent formulations this season. A summary of the latest Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) influenza vaccine recommendations for the 2013-2014 influenza season is available on the CDC's website and can be viewed at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/acip/2013-summary-recommendations.htm>

#### **Ordering Information**

- Check the Bulletin Board on NJIIS/IMODS to see the brands of flu vaccines which are available for order. All brands may not be available at the start of ordering.
- Orders for inactivated vaccines are temporarily limited to 200 doses per type of flu vaccine. Another order may be requested when inventory of any one vaccine decreases to 20%
- FluMist may be ordered to meet your immunization needs for a 2 week period. FluMist does not have a limit of 200 doses per order
- Order flu vaccine when needed, ordering months do not apply for flu orders
- Flu vaccine can be ordered online with routine vaccines or by faxing in a 2013-2014 flu order form
- The flu order form is on NJIIS.gov. Click on the VFC Vaccines for Children page
- Fax flu order forms to VFC at (609) 826-4867
- Please refrain from faxing multiple copies of the same order
- Please allow one business day for order processing. Check NJIIS/IMODS to confirm the order was entered
- Temperature logs must be current for the last 2 week period to place an order
- When the ordering limit is removed, please order 30 days of vaccine at a time to minimize waste
- Have flu vaccine on hand prior to scheduling a flu vaccination clinic

#### **Delivery Information**

- Flu vaccine will arrive earlier and be shipped separately from routine vaccines
- It is not possible to "rush order" flu vaccine
- Flu vaccine will be delivered Monday through Friday, dependent on your office hours