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TO: All New Jersey VFC and 317 Providers

FROM: New Jersey Vaccines for Children Program

SUBJECT: 2015-2016 Influenza Season Vaccine Availability and Ordering

DATE: September 10, 2015

The New Jersey Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is pleased to announce ordering for influenza vaccine will open today for all VFC and 317-Funded Adult (317) Program providers. Only a small percentage of our overall allocation has been received thus far at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In addition, not all influenza vaccine brands are currently in stock and available. **Therefore, initial vaccine orders will be limited to 100 doses per type of vaccine.** Once the New Jersey VFC Program 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 2015-2016 influenza season is available on the CDC's website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6430a3.htm>

### HOW TO PLACE INFLUENZA VACCINE ORDERS

VFC and 317 sites place influenza vaccine orders through the Inventory Management, Order and Distribution System (IMODS). All influenza vaccine orders will go into Review status.

#### Ordering Information

- Check the office delivery address in IMODS and make any necessary changes prior to placing an order.
  - Call the VFC Program to make any change to the days and hours your office is open.

- Shipments returned to McKesson due to delivery failure will cause delay in receipt of vaccines.
- The vaccines listed on the order page are the only vaccines available to order at that time. Any vaccines that have N/A listed beside them are currently not available for order. Please continue to check back to see when additional brands or formulations become available.
- Orders are temporarily limited to 100 doses per type of influenza vaccine.
- Order again when inventory of any one influenza vaccine decreases to 20%.
- Influenza vaccinations must be entered into the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIS) within 30 days of administration.
- 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 be ordered on its own (outside of your normal ordering tier) or along with routine vaccines.
- Prior to scheduling an influenza vaccination clinic, have the vaccine on hand.
- If there are any outstanding claim shipments for your office, you will not be able to place an influenza order.

## 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.
- As with all vaccine orders, providers must open flu vaccine packages immediately, check the temperature monitor reading, inspect the vaccine, compare the vaccine and the packing list, and store at appropriate temperatures. If vaccines have been compromised or if temperature monitors are out-of-range, not present in the box, or a warm indicator is not activated, providers should notify McKesson Specialty Customer Care dedicated vaccine viability telephone line immediately at **877-TEMP123 (877-836-7123)** as with other vaccine shipments .

## **FLUMIST 2015-2016 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, 2015 and ends on January 29, 2016. 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 at: **[flumistreplacement@mckesson.com](mailto:flumistreplacement@mckesson.com)** or call: 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 FluMist.
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 18, 2015 to January 1, 2016.

### **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.

Questions? Call NJVFC at (609) 826-4862