MnVFC Announcement

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To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: 2019-20 MnVFC Pediatric Influenza Vaccine Orders Due Feb. 1

It’s time to order MnVFC influenza vaccine for the 2019-20 influenza season. The MnVFC program provides influenza vaccine for eligible children 18 years and younger. Influenza vaccine orders are due Friday, February 1.

How to order influenza vaccine

- Go to Ordering MDH Vaccine (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/vaxorder.html) and look for the 2019-20 MnVFC Pediatric Influenza Vaccine Ordering Form link.
- Expect to receive a confirmation email within one week of submitting your form. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please email health.mnvfc@state.mn.us.

Vaccine product information

- Additional products are now available through the MnVFC program. If you have questions about availability, contact us at health.mnvfc@state.mn.us.
- The MnVFC program will make every effort to fill your request, but we may need to make adjustments based on federal doses allocated and specific product demand.

Influenza vaccine for infants

- There are four FDA-approved influenza vaccines for children as young as age 6 months. Note the dose differences among the following products:
  - Flulaval: 0.5 mL for persons 6 months and older
  - Fluarix: 0.5 mL for persons 6 months and older
  - Fluzone: 0.25 mL for children 6 through 35 months of age; 0.5 mL for children 36 months and older.
    - Note: Fluzone is currently pending FDA approval for a change in dosage indication to 0.5 mL for 6 months and older.
  - Afluria: 0.25 mL for children 6 through 35 months of age; 0.5 mL for children 36 months and older.

Still have influenza vaccine from this year (2018-19)?

- Keep vaccinating — influenza activity is just beginning to increase.
- Complete two doses among children 6 months through 8 years of age who need it.
- Additional MnVFC influenza vaccine is available to order for this season (2018-19). Send an email to health.mnvfc@state.mn.us to request a 2018-19 Late Flu Order Form.
- Do not return influenza vaccine doses until they expire. You can report nonviable MDH vaccine directly in MIIC. For more information, see the Reporting Nonviable MDH Vaccine to MIIC user guide on the Vaccine Ordering and Management in MIIC (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/registry/hp/ordering.html) website.

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