

MnVFC Announcement

Date: January 16, 2020

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: **2020-21 MnVFC pediatric influenza vaccine orders due Jan. 31**

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

It's time to order MnVFC influenza vaccine for the 2020-21 influenza season. The MnVFC program provides influenza vaccine for eligible children age 18 years and younger. Influenza vaccine orders are due January 31, 2020.

How to order influenza vaccine

- Go to [Ordering MDH Vaccine \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/vaxorder.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/vaxorder.html) and look for 2020-21 MnVFC Pediatric Influenza Vaccine Ordering Form.
- 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.
- 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 vaccines for infants

- There are several 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: 0.5 mL for persons 6 months and older
 - Afluria: 0.25 mL for children 6 through 35 months; 0.5 mL for children 36 months and older.

Influenza vaccine coverage in Minnesota

Children are disproportionately impacted by influenza. Vaccination reduces the risk of death from influenza by 51% for children with underlying conditions and by 65% for healthy children. Yet, coverage lags at 64% for children under 18 statewide. Strongly recommend flu vaccine to all patients throughout the season.

Still have influenza vaccine from this year (2019-20)?

- Keep vaccinating — influenza activity is high right now.
- Complete two doses among children age 6 months through 8 years who need it.

Need additional influenza vaccine for this year (2019-20)?

- Additional MnVFC influenza vaccine is available to order for this season (2019-20). Send an email to health.mnvfc@state.mn.us for more information on ordering.
- 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 \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/managevax/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/managevax/index.html) page.

If you have questions, call the MnVFC program at 651-201-5522 or 1-800-657-3970.