

MnVFC Announcement

Date: August 24, 2023
To: MnVFC Providers
From: MnVFC Program
Re: **2023-2024 Flu Vaccine Shipping Soon**

Please route to:

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

MnVFC flu vaccine is coming

We are happy to announce that MnVFC 2023-2024 flu vaccine will begin shipping to providers next week. We will continue to ship flu vaccine orders as doses become available from the manufacturers throughout the coming months. To make sure all MnVFC providers have flu vaccine early in the season, and because different brands and presentations become available at different times, you may not receive all of your doses in one shipment. **Sites can expect to receive a few small shipments throughout the distribution season.** You will receive a confirmation email when we process your order. You can check the status of your prebook requests at any time in MIIC. See page 6 of our [Special Vaccine Event User Guide \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf) for more details.

Get ready for flu season

1. Providers should begin vaccinating their priority patients (i.e., children 6 months through 8 years old receiving influenza for the first time and need two doses this year, and pregnant women in their third trimester) as soon as they have vaccine.
2. To ensure adequate supply for larger-scale influenza vaccination clinics (e.g., walk-up or drive-thru clinics), consider scheduling them for late October to early November.
3. Provide [Vaccine Information Statements \(https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/) to patients. Provide the appropriate VIS: Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant) 8/6/2021 or Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Live, Intranasal) 8/6/2021.
4. Read the *2023-2024 Minnesota Fall Flu Guide* when it is posted online. Get an email alert when the flu guide and other flu materials are updated by subscribing to the MDH [Influenza Information for Health Professionals \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/index.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/index.html). Type in your email address at the bottom of the page and click on “submit”.
5. Check the status of your flu orders in MIIC under “manage special vaccine event”. As flu vaccine doses become available from the manufacturers, MDH staff will process your flu prebook vaccine orders in MIIC. Sites can check the status and details of their flu vaccine requests in MIIC throughout the distribution season. More information about viewing special event vaccine requests in MIIC is available at [Special Event Vaccine Request \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf).

Questions?

Contact MnVFC program staff at health.mdhvaccine@state.mn.us or 651-201-5522.

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