



## Monthly Immunization Update

### July 2016

Dear Providers,

This newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily. We welcome your comments and questions; please email us at [immunization.program@ventura.org](mailto:immunization.program@ventura.org)

**Immunization Requirements for school:** Visit [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org) to get up to date information on school entry requirements. Please review the following links.

[Guide to Immunization Requirements for School Entry](#)

[No Shots? No Records? No School.](#)

[SB 792, Mendoza. Day care facilities:](#)

**August is National Immunization Awareness Month:** Every year in August, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of immunization and the need for improving national vaccination coverage levels.

CDC has provided the following suggestions to help providers promote vaccination during each week of NIAM. <https://www.nphic.org/niam>

- Update your materials with the latest information and key messages that are provided in the toolkit.
- Place matte articles (i.e., formatted, ready-to-print articles that are free to use in any publication) in newsletters, on your website, or in local news outlets. The articles provided in the toolkit assist in educating and motivating consumers to talk to their healthcare professional and get vaccinated, and also encourage healthcare professionals to strongly recommend the vaccines patients need. You can tailor the articles to your particular audience(s) to maximize their impact.
- Place NIAM logos and banners on your website and/or social media platforms to highlight your participation in NIAM.
- Create buzz for NIAM by using the social media messages in the toolkit. The messages are crafted in a way that enables you to use them as they are—or tailor them as you see fit for your audience(s).

#### Vaccine Tips:

Diseases make terrible souvenirs. Help your patients have a great summer. Keep them up-to-date on their vaccines. Check every patient's status at every visit.

Flu Vaccine that has expired June 30, 2016 make sure you take it out of your refrigerators and update your inventory.

ACIP votes not to use LAIV, the “nasal spray” flu vaccine, this 2016-2017 flu season.

ACIP continues to recommend annual flu vaccination with products other than LAIV for everyone 6 months and older. Vaccination is the single best way to prevent influenza, and resulting complications,

including hospitalizations and death. Check out EZIZ's Flu and Respiratory Disease Prevention Promotional materials to start planning for the upcoming flu season.

Current Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) are offered prior to each vaccination. Vaccine administration records are maintained in accordance with the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA), which includes reporting clinically significant adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) [www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov)

**CAIR Update:** To all CAIR Users and Data Exchange Sites,

To help you prepare to move to CAIR2, we developed a step-by-step guide to ensure your transition goes as smoothly as possible. Review the "[Get Ready to Move to CAIR2 Checklist](#)" at the [CAIR2 project page](#).

If you need further assistance or have any questions regarding [your upcoming move](#) to the *bigger, better and faster* CAIR2, contact the CAIR help desk at 1-800-578-7889 or by email at [CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov).

This message applies only to CAIR registries in [Northern California, Greater Sacramento, Bay Area, Central Valley, Central Coast, LA-Orange, and Inland Empire](#).

If you can't open the links above, use this link: <http://cairweb.org/cair-2-project/>

**VFC PROVIDERS:**

**Get your practice ready for the 2016-2017 Flu Season:** VFC's Influenza Vaccine Order Confirmation for the 2016-2017 Flu Season will be available for providers to confirm their allocation in mid to late-July 2016. Once the system is open, you will have 2 weeks to review and confirm allocated doses. We encourage your practice to follow these steps to get ready:

Most flu products from the 2015-2016 Flu Season (except FluMist® which had earlier expiration dates) expire June 30, 2016. If you still have doses on-hand, please remove them from your storage unit immediately.

Complete and submit a VFC Return Form by logging into your MyVFCVaccines account on [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org). Complete this Return Form prior to confirming your 2016-2017 Flu Season allocation; you will need this information to confirm allocated doses. Ship any expired 2015-2016 flu doses back to McKesson as soon as possible.

Begin forming your flu vaccination plan to ensure all children in your practice are protected. Review the number of VFC doses administered during the 2015-2016 season; review flu vaccination scheduling plans; assess your available vaccine storage space, etc.

**Supply Update Reminder:**

MedImmune's FluMist® will not be offered as part of the VFC Program during the 2016-2017 flu season. CA's VFC Program is working with CDC on the selection of alternative products to adjust pre-booked products for the state.

Providers with privately purchased FluMist® vaccine supply: MedImmune has alerted its customers via a healthcare provider letter that they may reach out to their distributor to make order modifications for alternative formulations. A report of manufacturers and distributors that have influenza vaccine available for pre-ordering can be found at

<http://www.izsummitpartners.org/content/uploads/2016/06/ivats-16-17.pdf>

If you have any questions please call the VFC program at (877) 243-8832.

**Vaccine Inventory:** Make sure you have adequate vaccine inventory in your refrigerators to be ready for School enrollments.

Although vaccines may sometimes arrive within a few days of submitting your request, VFC recommends that you place your vaccine request with sufficient doses on hand to allow up to 3 weeks for the receipt of your vaccine shipment. In the event that your shipment takes the full 3 weeks to arrive, you will not run out of inventory while you wait for your shipment.

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org)

You can also view this information at <http://vchca.org/public-health/for-health-care-providers> or follow

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