



## Immunization Program Update

*Please distribute to each Physician, NP, PA and Vaccine Coordinator in your office*

**Subject: State Supplied Seasonal Flu Vaccine Order**

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### SEASONAL FLU VACCINE for the 2010-11 INFLUENZA SEASON

**All children 6 months of age up to the 19<sup>th</sup> birthday are eligible to receive state-supplied influenza vaccine.** Providers should check with individual health plans to find out if they will be reimbursed for privately purchased flu vaccines given to children.

| ELIGIBLE GROUP  | FORMULATION  | DOSAGE   |
|---|--|--|
| Children 6-35 months  | FLUZONE PF, preservative free, pre-filled syringes   | 0.25 mL (give a 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose $\geq$ 4 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose if patient has never had a seasonal flu vaccine or received only one seasonal flu dose in 1 <sup>st</sup> vaccination year)   |
| Children <b>24 months</b> up to the 19 <sup>th</sup> birthday | FLUMIST, preservative free, intranasal spray<br><br><b>*Limited quantity</b> , requests should not exceed 30% of the total order for children 2-18 years | 0.2 mL (give a 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose $\geq$ 4 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose if patient is less than 9 years of age and has never had seasonal flu vaccine or received only one dose of seasonal flu vaccine in 1 <sup>st</sup> vaccination year) |
| Children <b>36 months</b> up to the 19 <sup>th</sup> birthday | FLUZONE, multi-dose vial (contains preservative)   | 0.5 mL (give a 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose $\geq$ 4 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose if patient is less than 9 years of age and has never had a seasonal flu vaccine or received only one seasonal flu dose in 1 <sup>st</sup> vaccination year)          |
| Adolescents less than 19 years of age who are pregnant        | FLUVIRIN, preservative free, prefilled syringe<br><b>*Limited quantity</b>   | 0.5 mL, single dose  |

**Children less than 19 years of age who meet the following criteria are considered high risk:**

- Chronic illness including chronic pulmonary or cardiovascular conditions, metabolic diseases, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies.
- Conditions that compromise respiratory function or increase the risk of aspiration.
- Children receiving chronic aspirin therapy.
- Children receiving immunosuppression therapy

## ORDERING GUIDANCE:

- ◆ Place flu vaccine orders with your routine monthly orders. Flu vaccine will arrive with your regular monthly shipment.
- ◆ Providers with small or partial-unit orders will pick up flu vaccine at the Health Department. Providers will be notified if they need to pick up at the Health Department.
- ◆ Flu vaccine will be dispensed in monthly allocations by the state. Immunization Program staff may need to adjust provider orders to accommodate the allocations. Providers will be notified when order adjustments are made.
- ◆ Due to a limited supply, **state-supplied Fluvirin Preservative Free 0.5 mL single dose syringe** presentation must be used for pregnant adolescents only.
- ◆ Although more FluMist is available this year it is only 30% of the total available influenza vaccine for 2-18 year olds. FluMist requests should not exceed 30% of the total order for children in this age group.
- ◆ The Centers for Disease Control advises providers to begin immunizing children against influenza as soon as they receive vaccine.

## ORDER NOW:

**Fluzone MDV and FluMist are available for the September order.** \*\*Please estimate the clinic's need for these presentations for at least the next two months. Fax your flu order using the attached **Seasonal Flu Order Form** to the Health Department with your routine orders by September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember to complete all shipping information and the provider pin on the order form! The Health Department will notify providers as other presentations become available.

## Thimerosal Law Reminder:

Under Washington state law, children younger than 3 and pregnant women of any age must be vaccinated with preservative free formulation.

## Seasonal Flu Vaccine Information Statements (VIS):

Interim 2010-11 VIS forms dated August 10, 2010, are now available on the CDC Web site

(<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-flu.pdf>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-flulive.pdf>).

Once the final versions are posted, providers can continue using the interim forms for 60 days. The Immunization Program CHILD Profile will be printing both VIS forms. They should be available to order in mid-September.

## Flu Resources:

The complete Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr59e0729.pdf>

CDC's Seasonal Influenza information for healthcare professionals can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

CDC's patient education materials can be accessed at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/flugallery/index.htm>

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC's) Seasonal Influenza web section can be accessed at:

<http://www.immunize.org/influenza>

## Attachments:

- CDC and AAP Flu Dosing Algorithm
- 2010 Season Flu Order Form
- Immunization Guidelines for the Use of State Supplied Vaccine (dated August 9, 2010)

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