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MEMORANDUM

TO: North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Participants

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SUBJECT: Flu Vaccine Product Availability and Ordering Information

This memo is to inform North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) providers of the availability of influenza vaccine and the ordering process for the 2024-2025 respiratory season. Please take time to carefully review this memo in full.

Flu vaccine provided by the NCIP is available only for children 6 months through 18 years of age who are Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible served by a VFC provider location. Certain adult populations may be eligible for flu vaccines as specified in the [NCIP Coverage Criteria](#). More information about the [seasonal flu vaccines](#) is available from the CDC.

Receiving a seasonal flu vaccine each year remains the best way to protect against potentially severe consequences. This year, increasing flu vaccination coverage is critical. While flu vaccines may not prevent influenza disease, they will reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. More information is available [from the CDC](#).

Updated 2024-2025 Flu Vaccine Recommendations

The [2024-2025 CDC Flu Vaccination Recommendations](#) were updated and adopted on June 27, 2024. CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, receive an updated 2024-2025 flu vaccine to reduce the risk of influenza and its potentially serious complications this fall and winter. CDC encourages providers to begin their influenza vaccination planning efforts **now**. The “Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2024-25 Influenza Season” has not yet been published but is forthcoming on CDC’s [Influenza ACIP Vaccine Recommendations](#) website.

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Administration Best Practices

- Providers are encouraged to capitalize on opportunities for co-administration of both influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. Giving all eligible vaccines at the same visit is a best practice and increases the probability people will stay up to date on recommended vaccines.
- September and October are the best times for most people to receive a flu vaccine. Flu vaccination in July and August is not recommended for most people, but there are several considerations regarding vaccination in July and August for specific groups of people, especially children and pregnant women in their third trimester. Please refer to [CDC](#) for additional information.

Available Vaccines and Anticipated Shipping Timeline

- During the 2024-2025 flu season, the NCIP will supply several brands of flu vaccine in various presentations, all of which will be trivalent and will protect against an H1N1, H3N2 and a B/Victoria lineage virus. The composition of this season's vaccine compared to last has been updated with a new [influenza A\(H3N2\) virus](#).
- For 2024-2025 providers may receive shipments that include both flu and non-flu vaccines.
- CDC's centralized distribution process involves several steps not included in the delivery of private-ordered flu vaccine, which often results in privately ordered vaccine arriving before state vaccine.
- **CDC is allowing one-directional vaccine borrowing for flu vaccine this season. This means private vaccine may be used to vaccinate VFC eligible patients and later replaced with VFC vaccine once available.** This one-directional borrowing is unique to seasonal influenza vaccine and can be used as a mitigating strategy if private flu stock is received earlier than your VFC doses. A [Vaccine Borrowing Report](#) must be completed when a privately purchased vaccine is administered to a VFC-eligible child.

How to Order Flu Vaccine

Providers should ensure orders are sufficient to meet the needs of VFC patients and ensure their ability to store the vaccines safely. Consider a vaccine ordering plan that allows for the use of smaller amounts in combination with different products and presentations early in the season until more vaccine becomes available.

- Place vaccine orders directly through the North Carolina Immunization Registry (NCIR).
- Order throughout the flu season to replenish supply, as needed.
- Order adequate private stock vaccine for your patients who are not eligible for state-supplied/VFC doses.

- Train provider staff to immediately notify the vaccine coordinator or back-up coordinator when deliveries arrive.
- Check and store vaccines properly upon arrival. Maintaining cold chain is the first step in vaccine inventory management.

Flu Vaccines Available for 2024-2025 Season

Vaccine Type	NDC	Manufacturer	Brand	Presentation	Age Group Covered	Preservative Free
Pediatric						
Trivalent	66019-0311-10	AstraZeneca	FluMist	0.2mL single dose sprayer, 10 pack	VFC children 2 – 18 years of age	Yes
Trivalent	19515-0810-52	GSK	Flulaval	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	VFC children 6 mos. - 18 years of age	Yes
Trivalent	49281-0424-50	Sanofi	Fluzone	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	VFC children 6 mos. - 18 years of age	Yes
Trivalent	49281-0641-15	Sanofi	Fluzone	Multi-dose vial containing 5.0 mL each	VFC children 6 mos. - 18 years of age	No
Trivalent	3332-0024-03	Seqirus, Inc.	Afluria	0.5mL (single-dose syringe) 10 pack	VFC children 36 mos. - 18 years of age	Yes
Trivalent	3332-0124-10	Seqirus, Inc.	Afluria	Multi-dose vial containing 5.0 mL each	VFC children 6 mos. - 18 years of age	No
Trivalent	70461-0654-03	Seqirus, Inc.	Flucelvax	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	VFC children 6 mos. - 18 years of age	Yes
Trivalent	70461-0554-10	Seqirus, Inc.	Flucelvax	Multi-dose vial containing 5.0 mL each	VFC children 6 mos. - 18 years of age	No
† Adult (see below for eligibility)						
Trivalent	58160-0884-52	GSK	*Fluarix	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	19 years +	Yes
Trivalent	49281-0424-50	Sanofi	*Fluzone	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	19 years +	Yes
Trivalent	70461-0654-03	Seqirus, Inc.	*Flucelvax	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	19 years +	Yes
Trivalent	3332-0024-03	Seqirus, Inc.	*Afluria	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	19 years +	Yes

† Any uninsured pregnant persons, 19 years and older, being served by a Local Health Department (LHD), Rural Health Center (RHC), or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in any capacity and persons of any age enrolled in the “Family Planning Medicaid Program” receiving services at LHDs, RHCs, or FQHCs are eligible to receive state-supplied flu vaccine. The

vaccine brands that may be used for these populations are bold and marked with an * in the table above.

How to Contact Us

For assistance, please contact the NCIR Help Desk by phone: 1.877.USE.NCIR (873-6247) or by [email](#).

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and dedication to improving immunization outcomes in North Carolina.