



MEMO

TO: North Dakota Prevention Partnership Providers

FROM: Abbi Pierce, MPH 
Vaccines for Children (VFC) Manager

RE: 2013-2014 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Pre-Book Information

DATE: February 28, 2013

Please complete the attached influenza vaccine **pre-book** order form and return it to the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) Immunization Program by **March 13, 2013**. It is very important that pre-book orders are received prior to that date, as the NDDoH has to pre-book influenza vaccine with the federal government.

NDDoH-supplied influenza vaccine may be used for **Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible children (Medicaid-eligible, American Indian or Alaskan Native, uninsured or underinsured) only**. It will be allocated to providers based on pre-book orders, previous influenza vaccine orders, doses administered entered into the NDIIS from the 2012-2013 influenza season and your clinic's size. Providers are not guaranteed to receive all the vaccine that they pre-book.

The 2013-2014 influenza season is the first year where a quadrivalent influenza vaccine is available. Quadrivalent influenza vaccine will protect against two A strains and two B strains. The trivalent vaccine protects against two As and one B strain. Because this is the first year that quadrivalent vaccine is available, it may be in short supply. NDDoH will do its best to fill pre-booked orders for quadrivalent vaccine but providers must understand that it is not guaranteed and orders may be filled with trivalent if quadrivalent is unavailable.

Some suggestions for determining the amount of vaccine to prebook:

- Children, 8 years of age and younger, who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time, will need to receive **two** doses. When giving IIV3 (trivalent inactivated vaccine), IIV4 (quadrivalent inactivated vaccine) or LAIV4 (quadrivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine), the doses should be given at least four weeks apart.

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- Use the North Dakota Immunization Information System (NDIIS) to determine the amount of influenza vaccine administered (doses-administered report) last year. When running a doses administered report in the NDIIS, use "ALL VFC TYPES" for VFC TYPE and "STATE-SUPPLIED" for VACCINE TYPE. Do not select "All Clients."
- Consider the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for vaccination of all children 6 months – 18 years.
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm>
- Providers may wish to choose LAIV4 over IIV3 where both are available and otherwise appropriate for children. Vaccination should not be delayed if LAIV4 is not available.

The NDDoH supplies influenza vaccine to Prevention Partnership Providers for all VFC-eligible children ages 6 months – 18 years. **It is your clinic's responsibility to order private influenza vaccine for insured children to ensure all children in your clinic are vaccinated.** VFC influenza vaccine must not be administered to privately insured children or adults older than 18.

VFC and other state/federal influenza vaccine will be shipped from McKesson in multiple shipments to providers for the 2013-2014 influenza season.

Contact the NDDoH Immunization Program with any questions at 701.328.3386 or toll-free 800.472.2180.

Attachment



Prevention Partnership Pre-Book Request for Influenza Vaccine 2013 - 2014

Division of Disease Control
Fax No.: 701.328.2499

Provider Name: _____ Provider ID Number: _____

Vaccine Contact: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Please complete the following table with the number of doses of season influenza vaccine needed for your clinic's VFC population. Doses should be pre-booked by brand.

Vaccine IIV3: trivalent inactivated vaccine IIV4: quadrivalent inactivated vaccine LAIV4: quadrivalent live attenuated influenza vaccine	Brand (Manufacturer)	Age Group	Number of Doses Needed (VFC Only) 10-dose increments
IIV3 (0.25mL preservative-free pre-filled syringes)	Fluzone [®] (sanofi pasteur)	6 – 35 months	
IIV3 (0.5 mL pre-filled syringes or single dose vials)	Fluzone [®] (sanofi pasteur)	3 – 18 years	
IIV3 (multi-dose vials)	Fluzone [®] (sanofi pasteur)	6 months – 18 years	
IIV3 (0.5mL pre-filled syringes)	Fluarix [®] (GlaxoSmithKline)	3 – 18 years	
IIV4 (0.5mL pre-filled syringes)	Fluarix [®] (GlaxoSmithKline)	3 – 18 years	
IIV3 (0.5mL pre-filled syringes)	Fluvirin [®] (Novartis)	4 – 18 years	
IIV3 (multi-dose vials)	Fluvirin [®] (Novartis)	4 – 18 years	
IIV3 (0.5mL pre-filled syringes)	Afluria [®] (Merck)	9 – 18 years*	
IIV3 (multi-dose vials)	Afluria [®] (Merck)	9 – 18 years*	
LAIV4 quadrivalent (single dose sprayers)	Flumist [®] (MedImmune)	2 – 18 years	

*Afluria is approved by the FDA for children ages 6 months and older. The ACIP has recommended that Afluria not be used in children ages 6 months – 8 years because of an increased frequency of fever or febrile seizures. It is unknown if this recommendation will change next influenza season.

Please complete this form with your estimated influenza vaccine need for the 2013-2014 influenza season and **fax it to 701.328.2499 by March 13, 2013.** If pre-book information is not provided, you may be unable to obtain adequate supplies of influenza vaccine. Please call the Immunization Program at 701.328.3386 or toll-free 800.472.2180 if you need assistance with the pre-booking process.