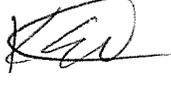
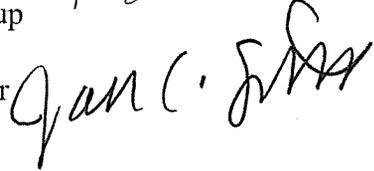




Memorandum

TO: Directors, Health Service Regions
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DATE: August 31, 2010

SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Influenza Round Two Order for 2010-11

It is important to read this entire memo prior to placing 2010-2011 influenza re-orders.

Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program providers placed 2010-11 Influenza orders in February and March 2010. Vaccine is slowly becoming available and orders will be fulfilled in their entirety as soon as vaccine is received at the distribution center. The CDC has notified Texas that another ordering opportunity for some of the influenza vaccines is possible through next week. Because of this, TVFC will allow any provider that underestimated their influenza vaccine needs or failed to order earlier in the year an opportunity to place a new or additional order now through September 8th. The short timeline is necessary in order to meet next week's CDC deadline.

Providers will again use the online process to place orders. The deadline for placing an order is **September 8, 2010**. Please keep in mind that the order you place now is in addition to any order that was placed earlier in the year and that all vaccines from both orders will be shipped to providers once vaccine is available, probably between September-December 2010.

Providers may only request preferred influenza product brands and formulations from those offered on the survey. Not all brands and formulations are available for re-order at this time. Choice is limited to products allocated to TVFC by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Orders may be filled in their entirety or in partial shipments as vaccines become available.

2010-2011 Electronic Influenza Round Two Order Process:

Prior to September 8, 2010:

Log on to the Influenza Order Website at:

1. <http://TVFCfluTWO.questionpro.com>. Enter contact information as indicated.

2. Influenza vaccines are listed by applicable age categories. Enter the number of doses of each influenza product you would like to order (this order should be based on reliable information such as client numbers, this year's doses administered, next year's influenza clinic plans, etc.).
3. Enter doses in increments of 10 using only numbers, for example enter 10, not ten.
4. The light bulb symbol next to a vaccine type will provide additional information relating to that specific vaccine.
5. Enter the full name of the person completing the form (must be a person listed on the clinic's enrollment form, but does not have to be the actual enrolled signing provider).
6. Read the authorizing section and click on the "I agree" buttons if you agree.
7. To submit your order request click on the "Submit Order Form" button at the bottom of the order. A copy of your order will appear after you hit Submit; please print this page.

Note: If you need to change your order after it has been submitted, you must start over and enter a completely new order. The most recent order for any designated PIN will be considered the final order.

Online submission of influenza orders is preferred, however, if a provider site does not have access to the web to place the order, a physical order form may be used. Please contact the local health department or health service region where you submit your regular TVFC orders to obtain a physical form.

By federal law, an appropriate VIS must be given to all patients, or their parent or legal representative when receiving an influenza vaccine. VISs will not be included with influenza vaccines. VISs must be ordered by providers early enough to ensure they are available prior to receiving influenza vaccine. To order Influenza VISs directly from the Immunization Branch, please visit www.immunizetexas.com. Click on the "Go to Immunization Branch Web Page". Under the Reference Center on the left side of the page, click the link for "Literature & Forms". If you have questions regarding ordering immunization literature or forms call 1-800-252-9152.

TVFC-supplied influenza vaccine is reserved for children 6 months to 18 years of age as follows:

TVFC Children Eligible for Trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV)

- All children aged 6 months through 18 years.

TVFC Children Eligible for Live, Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV)

- All healthy children and adolescents (those who do not have an underlying medical condition that predisposes them to flu complications) aged 2 years through 18 years.

Vaccination efforts should continue throughout the season, because the duration of the influenza season varies, and influenza might not appear in certain communities until February or March.

If you have questions regarding the re-ordering process for 2010-11 influenza vaccine, please contact your local health department or health service region representative