



Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Seasonal Influenza Guidelines

Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) seasonal influenza vaccine orders were placed earlier this year, and should begin shipping to providers in the next few weeks as it is received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please refer to the attached one page reference sheet for a list of vaccines, dosages, and eligibility for TVFC - supplied seasonal influenza vaccine. TVFC seasonal vaccine is reserved for children 6 months to 18 years of age.

By federal law, an appropriate Vaccine Information Statements (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 vaccine shipments; VISs must be ordered by providers. There are two VISs, one for Inactivated Influenza vaccine (Stock # C-93 or Spanish C-93 A) and the Live Intranasal Influenza vaccine (Stock # C-87 or Spanish C-87A) including addenda. To order Influenza VISs free of charge directly from the Immunization Branch, please visit <https://secure.immunizetexasorderfonn.com/default.asp>. If you do not have access to the web, or if you have questions or concerns regarding ordering immunization literature or forms call 1-800-252-9152, extension 6516.

GTE: Information in this memo and attached reference sheet does not refer to the novel H1N1 virus or vaccine. For information on this vaccine, please call 1-877-623-6274.

If you have questions regarding the seasonal influenza vaccine, please call your local health department, Health Service Region, or TVFC Consultant.

Attachment: TVFC 2009-10 Influenza Vaccine Dosages and Information

Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program
2009-2010 **In**fluenza Vaccine Dosages and Information

Product Name	Age	Dosage	Number of Doses	Route
FluZone®PF	6 through 35 months	0.25 mL	1 or 2 ^v	Intramuscular
FluMist:®	2 through 18 years	0.20 mL	1 or 2 ^v	Intra nasal
FluZone®PF	36 months through 18 years	0.50 mL,	1 or 2 ^v	Intramuscular
FluZone®	36 months through 18 years	0.50 mL	1 or 2 ^v	Intramuscular
Fluvirin®PF	4 through 18 years	0.50 mL	1 or 2 ^v	Intramuscular
Fluvirin®	4 through 18 years	0.50 mL,	1 or 2 ^v	Intramuscular

∇All children ages 6 months to <9 years who receive influenza vaccine for the first time should be given 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart. Children who receive only one dose in the first influenza season they receive vaccine should receive two doses, rather than one, in the following influenza season.

Seasonal vaccines prepared for the 2009-2010 season. inactivated and live attenuated, will include antigens to protect against trivalent vaccine virus strains *A/Brishane/59/2007 (H1N1-like)*, *A/Brishane/10/2007 (H3N2)-like*, and *B/13rishane/60/2008-like* antigens. This does not include the novel H1N1 virus for which a separate vaccine is in production.

Healthcare providers should begin offering seasonal influenza vaccine as soon as it becomes available. To avoid missed opportunities for vaccination, providers should offer vaccination during routine health-care visits or during hospitalizations whenever vaccine is available. 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. For additional information on influenza vaccine recommendations, visit the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nutrition/previcw/ml111/Thd111/rr58c0724a1.htm>.

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.