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**TO:** Texas Vaccines For Children (TVFC) Providers

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**SUBJECT:** Influenza Vaccine For Texas VFC Providers

This memorandum provides an update on influenza vaccine ordering, FluMist replacement program, and the National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) December 8–14, 2013.

### Open Ordering for Influenza Vaccine

In August 2013 the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Branch began the distribution of influenza vaccines for the 2013-2014 season to Texas Vaccines For Children (TVFC) providers. As of this date, all TVFC provider requests in Round 1 and Round 2 have been fulfilled.

All TVFC providers with a pending Special Order for influenza will have until close of business on December 13, 2013 to complete the order in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. On December 16, 2013, all Special Orders of influenza vaccine that have not been completed will be deleted.

Starting December 16, 2013 all available influenza vaccines will be listed on the Place Order screen and can be ordered at the same time as other vaccines.

While supplies last, the following influenza vaccines/formulations will be available on the Place Order screen:

Vaccine Brandname	NDC	Formulation	Age Indication
Fluzone®	NDC 49281-0113-25-P	0.25, PF syringe (Ped)	(6-35 months)
Fluzone®, Quadrivalent	NDC 49281-0513-25-P	0.25, PF syringe (Ped)	(6-35 months)
Fluarix®, Quadrivalent	NDC 58160-0900-52-P	0.5, PF syringe (Ped)	(36 months +)
FluMist®, Quadrivalent	NDC 66019-0300-10-P	Intranasal (Ped)	(2-49 yrs)

**Note:** As specific brands are depleted, an equivalent vaccine will be substituted if available.

Once all formations of available influenza vaccines have been depleted, the Immunization Branch will send an email to all TVFC providers with this notification.

## Medimmune – FluMist® Replacement Program

Medimmune, Inc., the manufacturer of FluMist® intranasal influenza vaccine has initiated a replacement program for TVFC vaccines purchased through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) contract. Information and instructions pertaining to the replacement program can be found on the Texas Vaccines for Children website: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/tvfc/>.

## National Influenza Vaccination Week

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) will be observed December 8–14, 2013.

During NIVW please emphasize the importance of the following:

- Promoting vaccination throughout the flu season, beginning before the holidays and extending into January and beyond.
- Highlighting the importance of universal flu vaccination for everyone age six months and older, including reminding parents about the need for a second dose for certain children.
- Putting special focus on people at high risk for complications from flu, particularly those with asthma, diabetes, and heart and lung conditions, as well as young children, seniors, and pregnant women.
- Addressing disparities in vaccination coverage by developing partnerships with grassroots organizations and trusted messengers.
- For additional information and resources for NIVW, please check out the NIVW web page: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/nivw>

## Other Influenza Resources

Protection from the Flu – Video presentation by Dr. Linda Gaul, Texas Department of State Health Services: <http://online.dshs.state.tx.us/video/>.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: FluView – weekly summary of influenza activities: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>.

## Questions

If you have any questions about ordering influenza vaccines or the FluMist® replacement program, please contact your local Texas Vaccines for Children representative or DSHS TVFC Regional Consultant. The Regional Consultant contact information is included below.

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