Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program provider,

Influenza vaccine allocations for the TVFC program will begin on **Monday, August 18, 2025**. Allocations occur on Mondays until sufficient vaccine inventory is available for open ordering. An email notification will be sent to the facility's primary and backup vaccine coordinators once flu doses are available in the Vaccine Allocation and Ordering System (VAOS). Please note the following:

- All flu allocations must be accepted in VAOS by noon on Friday of each week.
- Do not decrease weekly allocations unless storage capacity is an issue.
- Flu doses not accepted will return to the overall flu allocation pool, which may delay your next allocation.
- Some providers may not receive an allocation in the first few weeks as we have not received our entire order from the CDC.

Accepting Flu Allocations in VAOS
When a flu allocation is available to accept in VAOS, it will show in the Vaccine Allocation section of the accounts page in "Created" status. Detailed instructions on accepting flu allocations are included in the email sent to the facility's coordinators.

Importance of Administering Flu Vaccine to Your TVFC Population
The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Program continues to see a decline in Flu Vaccine Coverage rates in the Texas Vaccines for Children eligible populations, six months through 18 years of age.

TVFC providers closed out the 2024-2025 flu season with the lowest pediatric flu coverage rates on record. The TVFC Program ended the season with a vaccination coverage rate of 17.95%, below the national flu vaccination rate of 49.2%. To achieve a higher coverage rate for the 2025-2026 season, DSHS is implementing additional oversight on flu vaccine allocations and administrations through enhanced monitoring and outreach. Regions and Responsible Entities (RE) will receive weekly reports to assist with outreach during allocation.

Furthermore, DSHS proposes for providers to begin their flu vaccination planning by reaching out to eligible TVFC populations to schedule vaccinations. Texas has five million TVFC children who need to be vaccinated. Additional doses should be ordered and administered to the eligible TVFC population.

For flu-related questions, contact your Responsible Entity or TXVaccineOrders@dshs.texas.gov.

Thank you for your continued participation,

Texas Department of State Health Services
Immunization Program