



Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: 2012-2013 Influenza Vaccine

Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) seasonal influenza vaccine orders were placed earlier this year, and should begin shipping to providers as vaccines become available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC is recommending that everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated against the flu as soon as 2012-2013 influenza vaccines arrive.

TVFC influenza vaccine is reserved for children 6 months to 18 years of age as indicated below:

Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (TIV)

Eligible Groups

All children aged 6 months through 18 years.

Recommended Vaccination Schedule

- 6 months through 8 years: 1 or 2 doses
- 9 through 18 years: 1 dose

Recommended Intervals

Minimum Age: 6 months

Minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2 (where applicable): 4 weeks

Contraindications and Precautions

Contraindications and precautions can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5808a1.htm>

Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV)

Eligible Groups

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

Recommended Vaccination Schedule

- 2 years through 8 years: 1 or 2 doses
- 9 through 18 years: 1 dose

The 2012-2013 trivalent influenza vaccines will contain A/California/7/2009 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus; A/Victoria/361/2011 (H3N2)-like virus; and B/Wisconsin/1/2010-like virus. The duration of influenza seasons can vary, and influenza may not begin to appear in certain communities until as late as February or March. For this reason, providers should continue to vaccinate throughout the influenza season.

By federal law, an appropriate Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) must be given to all patients, or their parent or legal representative when receiving an influenza vaccine. Influenza VIS forms for 2012-13 are expected to become available for order in mid to late August. The VIS forms will not be included with influenza vaccine shipments and must be ordered by providers.

There are two VIS forms available:

- TIV (Stock # C-93 or Spanish C-93A) and
- LAIV (Stock # C-87 or Spanish C-87A) including addenda.

To order influenza VIS forms free of charge directly from the Immunization Branch, please visit <https://secure.immunizetexasorderform.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, please call Mr. Jack Shaw at 1-800-252-9152, extension 6516.

VIS forms without the Texas Addendum are available now online at the following CDC websites:

TIV: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-flu.pdf>

LAIV: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-flulive.pdf>

RECEIVING INFLUENZA VACCINES

Partial Shipments

Vaccines are received by the state in partial shipments from the CDC. In turn, providers' orders may be filled either in their entirety or in partial shipments. Partial shipments include receiving only one of the vaccine formulations ordered, and/or receiving only a portion of a particular vaccine formulation. For example you may have ordered 200 doses of .25mL; 150 doses of .5 mL; and 100 doses of intranasal. You may receive only 100 doses of .25mL vaccine in your first shipment. Since you received a partial shipment, the remainder of your .25mL vaccine and your other two vaccines will be sent later in one or more shipments.

Receiving in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) System

As influenza vaccines are shipped and received, providers must receive them immediately in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. However, unlike most vaccine shipments, an order

will not show up in the **Receiving** tab in EVI. Providers must add all Influenza vaccines manually into EVI. Below are instructions on how to add influenza vaccines. Additional flu vaccine cannot be ordered in EVI.

Instructions to Add Vaccines in EVI:

1. Click on the **Receiving** tab.
2. Click on the **Add Line** button located on the bottom right side of the screen.
3. A new screen appears with blank fields to complete:
 - NDC (National Drug Code)
 - Lot
 - Expiration Date
 - Quantity
 - Received By
4. **NDC:** Open the drop down box and choose the correct NDC, vaccine brand, vaccine family, vaccine presentation, and whether the vaccine is for pediatric or adult populations.
Note: The correct NDC is the one on the packing slip and/or on the box. It is not the NDC on the vial or syringe.
5. **Lot:** Enter all capitals letters. This avoids confusing letters and numbers.
6. **Expiration Date:** Date can be entered as xx/xx/xxxx or be chosen from the drop down calendar.
 - To change calendar to a different month, click on the current month and year header.
 - EVI brings up an entire calendar for the current year.
 - To change years, click on current month and year header. Once EVI brings up an entire calendar for the current year, click on right arrow until you reach the correct year.
 - After selecting the correct year, click on the appropriate month.
7. **Quantity:** Enter total doses only of the specific lot and expiration date.
8. **Received By:** Enter your first initial, last name, and date the vaccine was added.
9. Click **Save**.
10. EVI returns an empty screen to add another vaccine.
11. Continue with steps 1 - 9 until all of the TVFC influenza vaccines are added.
12. Go to the **Reports** tab and click on the **Tally and Physical Count Sheet** to verify all the influenza vaccines are listed.
13. If missing vaccines, repeat until all influenza vaccines are on the **Tally and Physical Count Sheet**.

If you have questions regarding the seasonal influenza vaccine, please call your local health department, health service region, or TVFC Consultant. If you have questions about receiving your vaccines in EVI, you may also contact the Vaccine Call Center at 1-888-777-5320.