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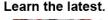
Update on VAOS Migration

Upcoming webinars, call center support will help guide you to the new vaccine ordering system. Learn more.



Federal Vaccines for Children Program Vs. Texas Vaccines for Children Program

The Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) and the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Programs provide vaccines at no cost to children who may not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about these programs, how they are related, and their differences.





Events



Materials Available for National Influenza Vaccination Week

This year's National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) will be December 5-11, 2021. NIVW is a call to all Americans 6 months and older to get their annual flu vaccine if they have not already.

Flu remains a significant public health concern, and this week will serve to remind people that there is still time to get a flu vaccine—the only vaccine that protects against flu—to prevent flu illness and potentially serious complications.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have produced tools to promote this important message. Access the NIVW digital toolkit at <u>https://www.cdc.gov/flu/resource-</u> <u>center/nivw/index.htm</u>.



Preventing Flu During the Holidays

The holiday season is here and the time for traveling, enjoying time with family and friends, feasting, and being festive are highlights this time of year. As you enjoy the festivities this holiday season, be sure to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy by prioritizing flu prevention and taking the necessary steps to stop the spread of influenza. <u>More here</u>.

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) Vaccination Reminder

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The Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is well known for being used for pediatric populations, but adults are also at risk from the measles, mumps, and rubella viruses. <u>Click here</u> for more information on who should get the MMR vaccine series and how to maximize adult vaccination coverage of MMR.

NEW Age Indication for FLUCELVAX® QUADRIVALENT (Influenza Vaccine)

FLUCELVAX Pre-filled (*NDC* 70461-0321-03) and Multidose Vials (*NDC* 70461-0421-10) are now approved for patients 6 months and older, and it's available through the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program. This applies to your current 2021-22 Flucelvax stock as well as Flucelvax doses that will be offered during Open Ordering.

The Immunization Unit will send a notification to all TVFC providers, of the start date for Open Ordering soon. However, Responsible Entities should be prepared for any questions from TVFC Program participants.

You have subscribed to get updates from the Texas Department of State Health Services' Immunization Unit. For more information, please <u>email us</u> or <u>visit our website</u>.

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