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To: All Kentucky Vaccine Providers (except hospitals)

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Subject: Pre-Booking Influenza Vaccines for 2017-2018 Season by Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires VFC providers to pre-book influenza vaccine for the 2017-2018 season by January 27, 2017.

In order to adequately order and supply influenza vaccine to providers, VAS relies upon your pre-book information. Every VFC provider must pre-book their influenza vaccine order for the 2017-2018 influenza season through Survey Monkey. We are longer requesting doses by Non-High Risk and High Risk doses. Please submit your total amount of doses per presentation. **Please right click on the link below to complete your 2017-2018 Influenza Pre-Book.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TBCZW3Z>

**Providers who pre-book by the due date of January 27, 2017 will receive their vaccine order as VAS obtains the 2017-2018 influenza vaccine allocations.** Vaccine will be delivered in partial shipments until your full order is met. These influenza doses may ONLY be used for VFC-eligible and KCHIP eligible children. No VFC vaccine doses may be given to any other patients, particularly those patients with private insurance.

**Providers who do not pre-book should expect delays in receiving influenza vaccines for the 2017-2018 seasons,** as compared to VFC providers who pre-book by the above stated deadline.

**Also, the quantity available and/or formulation of influenza vaccine cannot be guaranteed.** VAS will estimate the brand and number of doses needed for your practice based upon your order form. Please realize, if VAS allocates its entire influenza vaccine stock, the program may not be able to obtain additional vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) until later in the influenza season (possibly December 2017).

KVP cannot guarantee timing of vaccine shipments. According to CDC, the additional steps required for VFC vaccine distribution adds a minimum of 2 ½ weeks to distribution time, compared to private sector influenza vaccine released at the same time. Due to possible early shipment, your office should be open to receive vaccine deliveries during normal shipping hours beginning July 2017. KVP does not call when shipments are released to provider's offices. Lost influenza shipments may not be replaced if the supply is not adequate.

**Annual influenza vaccination is recommended by CDC for EVERYONE aged 6 months and older.**

You should request vaccine based upon your *reasonable expectation* of doses that will be used.

**When calculating orders:** Children aged 6 months through 8 years receiving flu vaccine for the first time should receive two doses at least one month apart; children aged 6 months through 8 years vaccinated for the first time in the 2016-2017 season, but who received only one dose, should receive two doses in 2017-2018. All others need one dose of vaccine. This guidance is subject to change pending release of ACIP's 2017-2018 recommendations for seasonal influenza vaccination.

**Please complete the pre-book survey and submit by January 27, 2017:** The CDC has not released the presentations or formulations at this time, thus the options listed below may or may not be available. Several influenza vaccine brands have received FDA approval for a Quadrivalent formulation. For the 2017-2018 season, KVP plans to only purchase Quadrivalent formulation. Use this information to determine your order of injectable and nasal spray formulations on the vaccine request form. **Consider your vaccine storage space when you order!** Pre-filled syringes (PFS) require 5 to 10 times the amount of storage space as the same number of doses in multi-dose vials (MDVs).

**Inactivated vaccine (injectable) options:**

1. 6 months through 18 years of age: Fluzone® Quadrivalent MDV (Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.)
2. 6 months through 35 months of age: Fluzone® Quadrivalent preservative-free 0.25 mL PFS (Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.)
3. 36 months through 18 years of age: Fluzone® Quadrivalent preservative-free 0.5 mL PFS (Sanofi Pasteur, Inc.)
4. 6 months through 18 years of age: FluLaval® Quadrivalent MDV (GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals)
5. 6 months through 18 years of age: FluLaval® Quadrivalent preservative-free 0.5 mL PFS (GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals)
6. 3 years through 18 years of age: Fluarix® Quadrivalent preservative-free 0.5 mL PFS (GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals)

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