FAQ for the Vermont Adult Vaccine Program (VAVP) – Flu vaccine availability for 2020-21
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This information provides VAVP enrolled primary care practices (PCPs) additional details about the state-provided influenza vaccine for adults age 19 and older for the 2020-21 vaccination season.

Who can receive VAVP flu vaccine?
Vaccine may be used to immunize any person age 19 and older at your practice. This may include adults who are your staff, patients, and parents/caregivers of your patients.

Can state-provided flu vaccine be used in off-site locations?
Yes. New in 2020-21, flu vaccine may be transported and administered outside of your office. Adherence to safe storage and temperature monitoring protocols will be required. Submission of the off-site enrollment addendum is required. The VFC public health specialist assigned to your practice can provide additional guidance, if needed.

Will I need to pre-order flu vaccine for adults for the 2020-21 season?
No. Estimates of flu vaccine needed for PCPs will be made using data available from the 2019-20 season and the Vermont Immunization Registry. Increased interest in flu vaccine is anticipated, PCPs will not be limited to the quantity ordered or administered last season.

What if my practice wants to change their status regarding state-supplied flu ordering for the 2020-21 season?
If a practice wants to make a change from what they did this year (2019-20) they should send an email to: AHS.VDHImmunizationProgram@vermont.gov, include your PIN and contact information, and advise us of your change as soon as possible.

Can a practice receive state provided flu vaccine as well as purchase private supply?
Yes.
Please, do NOT cancel any private purchase adult flu vaccine orders your practice may have placed. The supplemental adult vaccine supplied by CDC may not be available until after Nov. 1. We regret that the Program will not be able to provide either of the two vaccines specifically formulated for those 65 years and older (high dose and adjuvant), as they are not available on the CDC contract.
What type of flu vaccine will be supplied?
Several brands of inactivated influenza vaccine quadrivalent (IIV4) will be ordered. All products will be single dose (either prefilled syringe or vial) and preservative free. Our Vaccine Availability list will be updated to include the NDC of any vaccine you may receive. Flu vaccines may include multi-dose and FluMist. The Vaccine Availability list was updated on 7/13/20.

We strive to keep things simple and plan to distribute as few flu products to any PCP as supply allows, however we’re not able to allow selection of specific flu vaccine brands or presentation.

How will VAVP flu vaccine be ordered by PCPs?
Like the state provided pediatric flu vaccine, the first adult flu vaccine order will be placed on behalf of the PCP by the Immunization Program the first week in September. We receive multiple allocations of vaccine from our distributor and will place additional orders for PCPs as vaccine becomes available in the fall. Once the bulk of our supply has been allocated, typically in October, PCPs will place orders themselves through VIMS for any additional vaccine needed.

Are there Vermont Immunization Registry requirements?
Yes, all doses of state provided vaccine administered must be entered in the Immunization Registry, including those given to adults who are not your patients.