The Immunization Program 2022/2023 Flu Season FAQ document is now available. This document will be updated periodically as additional information is made available.

- Practices will be able to place initial flu vaccine orders in VIMS starting August 29, 2022
  o Initial orders will require a reconciliation of the full vaccine inventory in VIMS.
  o Subsequent orders may be placed as needed using the flu-only reconciliation.
  o Practices should base orders on immediate need and storage, not the whole season. Plan to order 3-4 weeks as storage allows.
  o It is a priority of the state to have flu vaccine available wherever COVID-19 vaccine is available, including all walk-in clinics. With this increased access, patients may get their flu vaccine at a walk-in clinic rather than their primary care office. We suggest ordering vaccines thoughtfully with that in mind.

- State-supplied flu may be given to any patient under the age of 65.
  o The CDC has made a preferential recommendation for high-dose flu vaccines for people aged 65 and older.
  o The Immunization Program encourages practices to purchase these vaccines privately or refer older patients to the pharmacy.
  o State-run walk-in clinics will not have high-dose flu vaccine available. Please ensure you can serve this population with the appropriate vaccine through private purchase or referral to a pharmacy.

- Grant money will be available to assist with clinics again this year.
  o These funds may be available for a broader usage than in the past.
  o The application process will remain essentially the same, with more information to be communicated soon.
  o Check the AAPVT website for future details: Welcome to the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter | AAPVT
Acronyms:
ACIP: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
COCA: Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity
CDC: Centers for Disease Control
PCP: Primary Care Provider
VIMS: Vaccine Inventory Management System
VVP: Vermont Vaccine Program – includes both VAVP and VCVP
VAVP: Vermont Adult Vaccine Program
VCVP: Vermont Children’s Vaccine Program