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****You are receiving this message as a VCVF/VAVP enrolled provider contact of the Immunization Program. Please forward to other interested staff****

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**
 - Initial orders will require a reconciliation of the full vaccine inventory in VIMS.
 - Subsequent orders may be placed as needed using the flu-only reconciliation.
 - Practices should base orders on immediate need and storage, not the whole season. Plan to order 3-4 weeks as storage allows.
 - 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.**
 - The CDC has made a [preferential recommendation](#) for high-dose flu vaccines for people aged 65 and older.
 - The Immunization Program encourages practices to purchase these vaccines privately or refer older patients to the pharmacy.
 - 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.**
 - These funds may be available for a broader usage than in the past.
 - The application process will remain essentially the same, with more information to be communicated soon.
 - Check the AAPVT website for future details: [Welcome to the American Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter | AAPVT](#)





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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 VCVF

VAVP: Vermont Adult Vaccine Program

VCVP: Vermont Children’s Vaccine Program

