

# Public Health

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**To:** Iowa VFC and BAP Providers

**From:** Iowa Immunization Program

**RE:** 2024-25 VFC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Prebook - January 17 - 31, 2024

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The Iowa Immunization Program has opened the prebook period for influenza vaccine for the 2024-25 influenza season for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and Iowa Bridge Access Program (BAP) providers. The Iowa Immunization Program will offer no-cost influenza vaccines to participating BAP sites for the 2024-25 influenza season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has established influenza vaccine contracts with AstraZeneca Pharm, GlaxoSmithKline, Sanofi Pasteur, and Seqirus USA, Inc. The program anticipates the contracts will have adequate doses of influenza vaccine to meet all provider orders. In the event insufficient doses of vaccine are available, the Iowa Immunization Program will contact providers to discuss order options.

### **BAP Eligibility**

Similar to the existing COVID-19 vaccine BAP eligibility requirements, any adult living in the U.S. who does not have health insurance or whose health insurance does not provide zero-cost access to influenza vaccines is eligible to receive cost-free access to influenza vaccines through the Iowa Bridge Access Program. This includes:

- Uninsured: a person who does not have health insurance.
- Underinsured: a person who has health insurance, but the insurance does not cover influenza vaccines; a person whose insurance does not provide first-dollar coverage (i.e., copay-free coverage) for influenza vaccinations.

**Adults who have insurance (private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare) are not eligible.**

Please use the following information to determine accurate BAP influenza vaccine prebook amounts:

- Number of BAP-eligible adults seen at the clinic in the previous year
- BAP COVID-19 vaccine ordered the previous year
- BAP COVID-19 vaccine doses administered during the previous influenza season
- BAP COVID-19 vaccine wastage data from the previous year
- Order quantity should include the number of doses needed for each product, NOT the number of boxes or packages
- Review the [2024-25 Adult Influenza Vaccine Products](#) document for information related to influenza vaccine presentation and age indication

**VFC Eligibility:** No changes to existing eligibility criteria.

**Please use the following information to determine accurate VFC influenza vaccine prebook amounts:**

- Number of VFC-eligible children seen at the clinic in the previous year
- VFC influenza vaccine ordered the previous year (currently listed in IRIS in the Flu Prebook Window, 2023-2024 VFC Flu Season)

- Influenza vaccine doses administered during the previous influenza season
- Vaccine wastage data from the previous year
- Order quantity should include the number of doses needed for each product, NOT the number of boxes or packages
- Review the [2024-25 VFC Influenza Vaccine Products](#) document for information related to influenza vaccine presentation and age indication

Providers will prebook influenza vaccine through the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). Instructions to prebook 2024-25 VFC seasonal influenza vaccine are available in the [Influenza Vaccine Prebook Instructions](#). VFC and BAP Providers will see available products with ordering intention of adult and pediatric to separate the two programs. **Please prebook VFC influenza vaccine using the PED order intention and BAP prebook using the ADU ordering intention.**

Providers who do not prebook influenza vaccine may not be able to receive influenza vaccine for the 2024-25 influenza season. Additional doses of influenza vaccine may not be available after the prebooking process. **Please complete the influenza vaccine prebook in IRIS as soon as possible, but no later than January 31, 2024.**

#### **Important Note about Vaccines Formulation for the 2024-25 Season**

Following the October 5, 2023, Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) Meeting, FDA provided direction for manufacturers to plan for a transition to trivalent flu vaccine. As a result, flu vaccines available for the 2024-25 season may reflect a mixture of trivalent and quadrivalent vaccines. If a mixture of vaccines is available, both trivalent and quadrivalent flu vaccines will be recommended to protect children and adults against influenza during the 2024-25 season. The Iowa Immunization Program will communicate any changes in advance of the 2024-25 flu season.

If you have questions about prebooking influenza vaccine, please contact the IRIS Help Desk at 1-800-374-3958.