

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

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2026-27 VFC Program Influenza Vaccine Prebook Ends February 3

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is prebooking influenza vaccine for the 2025-2026 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 VFC Program will contact providers to discuss order options. Only trivalent vaccines will be available for the 2026-27 influenza season.

Seasonal influenza vaccine is one of the most wasted VFC vaccines due to expiration.

While it is important to make sure it is available for patients, do not over-plan influenza vaccine. Please use the following information to determine the prebook vaccine amounts:

- **Current VFC Program patient population:** Number of VFC-eligible children seen at the clinic in the previous year
- **2025-26 VFC Program Influenza Season Prebook Order:** Number of VFC influenza vaccine ordered the previous year (with PED ordering intention)
- **2025-26 VFC Program Influenza Season Doses Administered:** Influenza vaccine doses administered during the current influenza season
- **2024-25 VFC Program Influenza Season Doses Administered:** Influenza vaccine doses administered during the previous influenza season
- **2024-25 VFC Program Influenza Season vaccine spoiled, expired, and wasted:** Review the 2026-27 VFC Influenza Vaccine Products document for information related to influenza **vaccine presentation** (syringe, sprayer) and **age indication**

Providers will prebook influenza vaccine through the Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS). Instructions to prebook 2026-27 VFC Program seasonal influenza vaccine are available in the Influenza Vaccine Prebook Instructions. Providers should review the vaccine description for information on vaccine presentation. **VFC Providers should order VFC vaccine using the PED ordering intention.** The quantity ordered is the number of doses needed for each product, NOT the number of boxes or packages. A demonstration will take place during the VFC Program webinar on January 21, 2026. [Register for the January 21, 2026 VFC Webinar now.](#)

Providers who do not prebook VFC Program influenza vaccine may not be able to receive doses for the 2026-27 influenza season. Additional doses of VFC Program influenza vaccine may not be available to order after the prebooking process. **Please complete the VFC Program Influenza Prebook in IRIS as soon as possible, but no later than February 3, 2026.** Questions can be directed to the IRIS Help Desk at 1-800-374-3958.