

Iowa's Vaccines for Children Program

Winter Update Webinar

January 21, 2026



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- ▶ Questions regarding the VFA Program?
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Presentation Outline

- ▶ Programmatic Updates & Reminders
 - CDC Childhood Immunization Recommendation Changes
 - Important Dates for 2026
 - Upcoming Delivery Holds
 - 2026-27 Influenza Vaccine Prebook
 - 2025-26 Respiratory Season Updates
- ▶ Improving Vaccination Rates
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 - Vaccine Deliveries—Spoiled in Transit
- ▶ Q&A—Ask Your Questions!



Programmatic Updates & Reminders

CDC Childhood Immunization Recommendation Changes

- ▶ On January 5, 2026, CDC adopted a revised childhood and adolescent immunization schedule.
- ▶ All immunizations recommended by the CDC as of December 31, 2025, will continue to be fully covered by Affordable Care Act insurance plans and federal insurance programs, including Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and the **VFC Program**.
 - Families will not have to purchase them out of pocket.
- ▶ Federal HHS will work with states and physician groups to educate parents and providers on the updated CDC childhood immunization schedule.

[CDC Acts on Presidential Memorandum to Update Childhood Immunization Schedule \(HHS.gov\)](#)

Important 2026 VFC Program Events

- ▶ **January:** 2026 You Call the Shots modules released
- ▶ **January 20 to February 3:** Influenza Prebook
- ▶ **July:** Annual VFC Program Re-enrollment due
- ▶ **August:** 2026-27 Influenza vaccine deliveries

- ▶ Details to be sent on listserv

Upcoming Delivery Holds

- ▶ Deliveries made by UPS & FedEx
- ▶ Review and update delivery hours with each order
 - Required to have at least one four-hour consecutive period on a day other than a Monday to receive shipments
 - **Hours do not update in IRIS unless included on a submitted order**
- ▶ Shipping hold on Monday, February 16th for President's Day
- ▶ McKesson may place temporary holds due to severe weather conditions in Iowa or at the warehouse site

2026-27 Influenza Vaccine Pre-book Information and Demo

Due February 3, 2026

2026-27 VFC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Pre-book

- ▶ Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is pre-booking influenza vaccine for the 2026-27 influenza season until **February 3, 2026**
- ▶ Providers who do not pre-book VFC influenza vaccine may not be able to receive VFC influenza vaccine for the 2026-27 season
- ▶ Additional products and doses will not be available to order after the pre-booking process

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

January 20, 2026

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.

Letter to VFC Providers


For this resource & others,
visit the [Immunization Registry Information System webpage](#).

2026-27 Available Products

2026-2027 VFC Influenza Vaccine Products



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

2026-2027 Available Pediatric Prebook Influenza Vaccine Products **Influenza Vaccine Information by Manufacturer and Age Indication**

January 2026

Influenza vaccines available for the 2026–2027 season reflects **only trivalent** vaccines and only **preservative free** formulations.

VFC Program vaccine must be pre-booked using the **PED** Ordering Intention.

NDC	Manufacturer	Brand	Description	Age Indication
66019-0113-10	AstraZeneca	FluMist	0.2mL single dose sprayer, 10 pack	2–49 years
			0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months
58160-0725-52	GSK	Fluarix	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months
19515-0822-52	GSK	FluLaval	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months
49281-0426-50	Sanofi	Fluzone	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months
70461-0656-03	Seqirus, Inc	Flucelvax	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months

Contact the Iowa VFC Program at IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov

2026-2027 VFA Influenza Vaccine Products



Vaccines for Adult (VFA) Program

2026-2027 Available Adult Prebook Influenza Vaccine Products **Influenza vaccine information by Manufacturer and Age Indication**

January 2026

Influenza vaccines available for the 2026–2027 season reflects **only trivalent** vaccines and only **preservative free** formulations.

VFA Program vaccine must be pre-booked using the **ADU** Ordering Intention

NDC	Manufacturer	Brand	Description	Age Indication
66019-0113-10	AstraZeneca	FluMist	0.2mL single dose sprayer, 10 pack	2–49 years
58160-0725-52	GSK	Fluarix	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months
19515-0822-52	GSK	FluLaval	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months
49281-0426-50	Sanofi	Fluzone	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months
70461-0656-03	Seqirus, Inc	Flucelvax	0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pack	≥ 6 months

Contact the Iowa VFA Program at IowaVFA@hhs.iowa.gov

*For these resources & others, visit the
Immunization Registry Information System webpage.*

Prebook Estimate Tools

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 all patients, do not over-plan influenza vaccine.

- ▶ Current VFC Program Patient Population
- ▶ Doses Prebooked Last Year (2025-2026)
- ▶ Doses Administered (2024-2025 and 2025-2026)
 - 2025-2026 IRIS inventory
- ▶ Doses Spoiled, Expired or Wasted (2024-2025)
 - Time frame 8/1/2024-6/30/2025

IRIS Instructions

Doses Administered Report Instructions

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Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS)

Doses Administered Report Instructions

January 2025

The following instructions detail how to generate a doses administered report in IRIS. The doses administered report provides the number of doses an organization administered from IRIS inventory during a select date range.

1. Select the "doses administered" link on the menu panel under the Reports section.

Reports
reminder / recall
check reminder status
check reminder list
reminder claim letters
dosage override
check request status
vaccine availability
doses administered

2. Enter the select date range. The "From" field is the oldest date and the "To" field the most recent date. Select the "Generate Report" button.

Doses Administered Report Criteria

Report Date Range

From: To:

3. A PDF will generate and display doses administered from IRIS inventory during the date range selected. The doses administered will display Group Name, Trade Name and VFC status. Additionally, doses administered are displayed by patient age range and include a total doses administered count. A Patient Count total appears as the last row of the report.

Group Name	Trade Name	VFC	<1 yr	1 yr	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-11 yrs	12-19 yrs	20-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-64 yrs	65+ yrs	Total
Children		Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1st Dose		Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Adult		Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infant	Infant II	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DTaP	Infant	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
COVID19	Pfizer COVID-19	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
COVID19	Moderna COVID-19	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
DTaP	DTaPACEL	No	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total														15
Patient Count														15

Questions can be directed to 1-800-374-3958.

Transaction Summary Instructions

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Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS)

Transaction Summary Report Instructions

January 2025

The following instructions detail how to generate a transaction summary report in IRIS. The transaction summary report provides the number of doses an organization administered, transferred, received, wasted, and expired from IRIS inventory during a select date range.

1. Select the "transaction summary" link on the menu panel under the Inventory section.

A screenshot of a menu panel with the following items: Inventory, manage inventory, manage orders, manage transfers, shipping documents, transaction summary (which is highlighted with a red box), no payload, and manage returns.

2. Enter the select date range. The "From" field is the oldest date and the "To" field is the most recent date. Select the "Generate Report" button.

Transaction Summary Report Criteria

Site(s):	—All Sites Combined	Generate Report
Report Date Range:		
From:	07/01/2023	To: 09/30/2024

3. A PDF will generate and display transactions involving IRIS inventory during the date range selected. The report will display Immunizations Given, Transferred, Rejected and Restocked, Received, Wasted, Error, Expired, Payback, and Total by Group Name, Trade Name and VFC status. A total number of transactions appears as the last row and column of the report.

Group Name	Trade Name	VFC	Imms Given	Transferred	Rejected & Restocked	Doses Received	Wasted	Error	Expired	Payback	Totals
COVID019	2023-2024 Moderna Spikevax COVID-19	Yes	0	0	70	0	0	70	0	0	140
COVID019	2023-2024 Pfizer COVID-19 Conspiracy	Yes	1	0	0	10	0	0	9	0	20
COVID019	COMIRNATY	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COVID019	Pfizer COVID-19 Bivalent Booster 5-11y	Yes	0	0	0	0	126	59	67	223	312
COVID019	Pfizer COVID-19 Bivalent Booster 5-11y	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza-season	Influenza-quadrivalent, P-free	Yes	0	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	40
	Totals		7	20	0	226	57	0	202	0	512

Questions can be directed to 1-800-374-3958.

Prebook Instructions

Influenza Vaccine Pre-book and Order Receiving Instructions



Influenza Vaccine Prebook and Order Receiving Instructions

January 2026

The following are instructions to prebook and accept Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program influenza vaccine orders in IRIS. Contact the IRIS Help Desk at 800-374-3958 with questions about IRIS or receiving influenza vaccine orders.

Influenza vaccines available for the 2026–2027 season reflects **only trivalent** vaccines. Images in these instructions may show quadrivalent from previous seasons.

VFC Program doses must be pre-booked using the PED Ordering Intention. VFA Program doses must be pre-booked using the ADU Ordering Intention.

Instructions to Prebook Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Orders

To submit an influenza vaccine prebook order, please follow the steps below:

- 1) Select the "flu prebook" link under the Inventory section of the menu panel.

- 2) From the "Flu Prebook Window", select the prebook period in green for the upcoming flu season, labeled "2026-2027 Flu Season".

- 3) To see prebook totals from previous flu seasons, select the previous season from the dropdown menu.


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4) The influenza vaccines available to prebook for the 2026-2027 Flu Prebook are listed by Trade Name, Packaging, Ordering Intention and NDC number. **PED** Ordering Intention will order influenza vaccines as part of the VFC Program. **ADU** Ordering Intention will order influenza vaccines as part of the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program. **Providers participating in both programs will need to prebook vaccines using both PED and ADU ordering intentions.**

a) Enter the **number of doses** requested for the specific NDC in the Doses Requested column. If the value entered is not equivalent to the package, the amount will round up to the nearest package size.

Flu Prebook Window: 2026-2027 Flu Season							
Vaccine Group	Trade Name	Packaging	NDC Number	Ordering Intention	Doses Requested	Doses Adjusted	Doses Distributed
FLU	Fluad Trivalent P-free	influenza, injectable, trivalent, p-free, 0.5mL SYR 10- pack	58160-0725-52	ADU	<input type="text"/>		
FLU	Fluad Trivalent P-free	influenza, injectable, trivalent, p-free, 0.5mL SYR 10- pack	58160-0725-52	PED	<input type="text" value="100"/>		
FLU	FluadHex	influenza, injectable, hexavalent, p-free, 0.5mL SYR 10- pack	70461-0656-03	ADU	<input type="text"/>		
FLU	FluadHex	influenza, injectable, hexavalent, p-free, 0.5mL SYR 10- pack	70461-0656-03	PED	<input type="text" value="100"/>		

b) If ordering influenza vaccine as part of the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program, providers will see the ordering intention of ADU indicating these are **adult** doses. Enter the **number of doses** requested for the specific ordering intention in the Doses Requested column. VFA and VFC Providers need to prebook using both ADU and PED ordering intentions.

Flu Prebook Window: 2026-2027 Flu Season							
Vaccine Group	Trade Name	Packaging	NDC Number	Ordering Intention	Doses Requested	Doses Adjusted	Doses Distributed
FLU	Fluad Trivalent P-free	influenza, injectable, trivalent, p-free, 0.5mL SYR 10- pack	58160-0725-52	ADU	<input type="text"/>		
FLU	Fluad Trivalent P-free	influenza, injectable, trivalent, p-free, 0.5mL SYR 10- pack	58160-0725-52	PED	<input type="text"/>		
FLU	FluadHex	influenza, injectable, hexavalent, p-free, 0.5mL SYR 10- pack	70461-0656-03	ADU	<input type="text" value="100"/>		

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Immunization Registry Information System webpage.

Prebook Product Checklist

- ▶ Products available
- ▶ Presentation: Single Dose Syringe or Intranasal
- ▶ Age indication
- ▶ Review Ordering Intention for VFC (PED) and VFA (ADU) Programs
- ▶ Order number of doses, not number of boxes
- ▶ IRIS Prebook instructions

Pre-book Demonstration

- ▶ Reviewing previous prebook, administration & wastage
- ▶ Submitting Pre-book
- ▶ Viewing Flu Pre-book in IRIS

Issues or Questions?

- ▶ Prebook documents available on Iowa HHS IRIS website:
<https://hhs.iowa.gov/health-prevention/providers-professionals/immunization-registry-information-system-iris>
- ▶ Call IRIS Helpdesk at 1-800-374-3958 or email
IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov
- ▶ Complete & review Prebook by February 3, 2026.

2026-27 VFC

Influenza Vaccine Shipping

- ▶ Shipping to commence when vaccine is available in August or early September
- ▶ Providers may not receive entire pre-booked amount in first shipment
 - Vaccine manufacturers routinely distribute influenza vaccine as it is produced and released by the Food and Drug Administration
 - Vaccine is distributed in partial shipments to allow all providers to receive a portion of their vaccine order
 - Remaining vaccine amounts distributed as additional vaccine is available
- ▶ Iowa is historically highly ranked for proportion of influenza vaccine doses distributed as soon as product is available

2025-26 Respiratory Season Updates

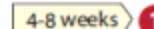
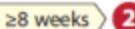
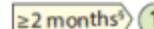
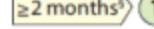
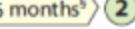
2025-26 COVID-19 Routine Vaccination Schedule

[^] Janssen (J & J) vaccine has been deauthorized. Follow schedule for 12+ years for any prior doses.

[§] Minimum interval 2 months, except for Mnexspike, the minimum interval is 3 months.

^{^^} Vaccination is especially recommended to 2–64-year-olds who have risk factors, are in close contact with others with risk factors, or have never been vaccinated.

Adapted from the California Department of Public Health

Age	Vaccine	If unvaccinated:	If had any prior doses, give 2025-26 doses:
6 – 23 months	Moderna-Spikevax (pediatric)		If 1 prior Moderna dose:  If 1 prior Pfizer dose:   If ≥2 prior Moderna/Pfizer doses: 
2 – 4 years ^{^^}	Moderna-Spikevax (pediatric)		If ≥1 prior Moderna/Pfizer dose: 
5 – 11 years ^{^^}	Moderna-Spikevax (pediatric)		If 1 or more prior doses (of any of the brands), then [^] :
	Pfizer-Comirnaty (pediatric)		 Spikevax/Comirnaty
12+ years ^{^^}	Pfizer-Comirnaty (adol/adult)		If 1 or more prior doses (of any of the brands), then [^] :
	Moderna-Spikevax (adol/adult)		Ages 12–64 years ^{^^} :  Spikevax/Mnexspike/Comirnaty/Nuvaxovid
	Moderna-Mnexspike		Ages 65+ years: Additional Dose Spikevax/Mnexspike/Comirnaty/Nuvaxovid
	Sanofi/Novavax Nuvaxovid		Ages 65+ years:  

2025-26 COVID-19 Vaccine Routine Vaccination Schedule

2025-26 COVID-19 Vaccine Moderately/Severely Immunocompromised Vaccination Schedule

Age	Vaccine	If unvaccinated:						If had any prior doses, give 2025-26 doses:					
6 months-4 years	Moderna-Spikevax (pediatric)	1st Dose	4 weeks	2nd Dose	≥4 weeks	3rd Dose	6 months [§]	Additional Dose(s)*	If prior doses of Moderna or Pfizer at 6m-4y:				
5-11 years	Moderna-Spikevax (pediatric)	1st Dose	4 weeks	2nd Dose	≥4 weeks	3rd Dose	6 months [§]	Additional Dose(s)* Spikevax/Comirnaty	1 prior dose:	4 w	1	≥4 w	2
	Pfizer-Comirnaty (pediatric)	1st Dose	3 weeks	2nd Dose	≥4 weeks	3rd Dose			2 prior doses:	≥4 w	1	6 m [§]	Additional Dose(s)*
12+ years	Pfizer-Comirnaty (adol/adult)	1st Dose	3 weeks	2nd Dose	≥4 weeks	3rd Dose	6 months [§]	Additional Dose(s)* Spikevax/Comirnaty/Nuvaxovid/Mnexspike	1 prior dose:	3 w	1	≥4 w	2
	Moderna-Spikevax (adol/adult)	1st Dose	4 weeks	2nd Dose	≥4 weeks	3rd Dose			2 prior doses:	≥4 w	1	≥8 w	1
	Moderna-Mnexspike	1st Dose	4 weeks	2nd Dose	≥4 weeks	3rd Dose	6 months [§]	Additional Dose(s)* Spikevax/Comirnaty/Nuvaxovid/Mnexspike	1 prior dose:	4 w	1	≥4 w	2
	Sanofi/Novavax Nuvaxovid	1st Dose	3 weeks	2nd Dose [¶]					2 prior doses:	≥4 w	1	≥8 w	1
									≥3 prior doses**:	≥8 w	1		Additional Dose(s)* Spikevax/Comirnaty/Nuvaxovid (12+ only)/Mnexspike (12+ only)
									1 prior dose:	≥3 w	1		
									≥2 prior doses**:	≥8 w	1		

* Further doses may be given under shared clinical decision-making at a minimum interval of 2 months.

** Ages 5-11 years may be given Moderna or Pfizer after >3 prior doses. Ages 12+ years may be given Spikevax, Comirnaty, Nuvaxovid, or Mnexspike.

§ Minimum interval 2 months, except for Mnexspike, the minimum interval is 3 months.

¶ If >8 weeks passed since the first Novavax dose, any 2025-26 COVID-19 vaccine (Spikevax/Comirnaty/Nuvaxovid/Mnexspike) may be given.

2025-26 COVID-19 Vaccine Routine Vaccination Schedule

Adapted from the California Department of Public Health

2025-26 COVID-19 Vaccines

VFC Program Policy

- ▶ COVID-19 vaccine has been added to the list of non-routine vaccines with updated guidance for stocking inventory of non-routine vaccines
- ▶ Given the unique considerations of COVID-19 vaccination, it may not be practical for all VFC Program providers to stock this vaccine for VFC-eligible patients
- ▶ Iowa VFC Program will identify accessible locations where VFC-eligible children can be referred
 - VFC Program providers are still encouraged to carry COVID-19 vaccines to vaccinate their patient populations

Return Expired COVID-19 Vaccines

VFC Program providers are expected to return **all spoiled and expired VFC vaccines**, including 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines, as soon as possible within the first 30 days but not to exceed six months after expiration date

- Return single dose syringes, unopened single dose vials and unopened multi-dose vials to McKesson
- Products in open boxes can be returned, however opened multi-dose vials cannot be returned
- Shipping label is only valid for 30 days

Nonviable Vaccine Return Instructions

Influenza Vaccine Shipments

- ▶ Nearly all prebook orders have been fulfilled
- ▶ Additional influenza vaccines can be requested at IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov.
 - Available product: FluLaval, single dose syringe, administer down to 6 months of age
 - Request to include: VFC PIN (A12345) and Number of Doses requested (quantities of 10)

Abrysvo (Pfizer) Maternal RSV Vaccine

- ▶ Abrysvo vaccine is now available through the VFC Program by request only for administration to VFC-eligible patients to protect infants from RSV
 - VFC Program eligibility criteria still apply
 - Specialty vaccine, most VFC Program providers do not need to carry
 - To order: Add note in IRIS order requesting doses for eligible patients
- ▶ Recommendations:
 - American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, CDC and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine recommend prenatal vaccination from September 2025 through **January 31, 2026**, of all pregnant women between 32 weeks and 36 weeks and 6 days of gestation with a single dose of RSV vaccine (Abrysvo, Pfizer)
 - RSV vaccine can be co-administered with other recommended vaccines

RSV Monoclonal Antibody Products: Clesrovimab & Nirsevimab

Nirsevimab (Beyfortus) Recommendations:

- ACIP recommends 1 dose of nirsevimab for all infants aged <8 months born during or entering their first RSV season (50 mg or 100 mg)
- ACIP recommends 1 dose of nirsevimab (200 mg, administered as two 100 mg injections given at the same time at different injection sites) for infants and children aged 8-19 months who are at increased risk for severe RSV disease and entering their second RSV season
- Can be co-administered with other recommended vaccines

Enflonsia (Clesrovimab) Recommendations:

- ACIP recommends 1 dose of Clesrovimab as an option for RSV protection in infants aged <8 months born during or entering their first RSV season
- Can be co-administered with other recommended vaccines

Respiratory Season Summary

COVID-19 Vaccine:

- Ordering started in October
- Allocation model from CDC

Influenza Vaccine:

- Distribution started in August
- Allocation model from CDC
- Additional doses available—
contact IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov

Maternal RSV Vaccine:

- Ordering started in July, can use unexpired vaccine from previous seasons
- Administration started Sept. 1, **ends January 31**
- Allocation model from CDC, must request doses from VFC Program

RSV monoclonal antibody products (Nirsevimab, Clesrovimab)

- Ordering started in August, can use unexpired vaccine from previous seasons
- Administration started October 1, **ends March 31**
- Allocation model from CDC

Improving Vaccination Rates

You Call the Shots Modules

- ▶ Vaccines For Children (VFC)
- ▶ Vaccine Storage and Handling

Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal

February Update: 2025 Immunization Data

- ▶ Pediatric (2-year-old)
- ▶ Adolescent (13–15-year-old)
- ▶ HPV vaccine (13–15-year-old)
- ▶ Adult (18+)
- ▶ School immunization audit
- ▶ Weekly influenza vaccine
- ▶ Monthly COVID-19 vaccine

May Update: Child Care Immunization Audit



Tips & Tricks to Avoid Common VFC Program Noncompliance Issues

Temperature Excursion

Requirement:

Any temperature outside the ranges recommended in the manufacturer's package inserts is considered a temperature excursion

- Temperature ranges:
 - **Refrigerator:** 2 to 8°C or 36 to 46°F
 - **Freezer:** -15 to -50°C or 5 to -58° F
- **Never** assume vaccine is nonviable in the event of a storage or handling issue

Action Step: Clinic staff is trained to take immediate action if temperatures are out of range, as outlined in the “Temperature Excursion” section of S&H Plan Template.

Notify Staff and Iowa VFC Program

Action Step: **Notify**

Notify the primary or alternate vaccine coordinator immediately

- Label exposed vaccines “Do Not Use”
- Continue to store vaccines under correct temperature storage conditions
- **Do not** discard the vaccines
- Keep exposed vaccine separated from unaffected vaccine and any new vaccine received
- **Notify the Iowa HHS Immunization Program to report the excursion event**

Document Response

Action Step: Document

Document details on the

Vaccine Storage and Handling Incident Response Worksheet

- Date and time of the excursion
- Overview of the incident
- Type of storage unit(s)
- Storage unit(s) temperature-current and minimum/maximum temperatures during the time of the event
- Total length of time storage unit(s) was outside of normal range
- Inventory of affected vaccines
- Name of person completing the report

Contact Manufacturers

Action Step: **Contact**

Contact the manufacturers of the affected vaccines.

- [Vaccine Storage and Handling Incident Response Worksheet](#) and [Vaccine Storage and Handling Plan Template](#) both contain vaccine manufacturer contact information
- Provide DDL data for guidance on vaccine viability
- If multiple excursions have occurred with any of the affected vaccines, provide this cumulative exposure time/temperatures to the manufacturers
- Document manufacturer recommendations per vaccine
- If determined to be nonviable, remove from storage units and initiate process to return spoiled vaccines in IRIS

Correct Root Cause of Excursion

Action Step: **Correct**

- ▶ If the temperature alarm goes off repeatedly, do not disconnect the alarm until the cause has been determined
- ▶ Check the basics (power supply, unit door(s), DDL placement in unit, thermostat settings)
- ▶ Do not allow vaccines to remain in a nonfunctioning unit following a temperature excursion
 - If the storage unit has failed or is not stabilizing, implement the vaccine storage and handling protocol for transporting vaccine to a back-up unit
 - If alternative storage is available within the facility, transfer vaccine to that storage unit
 - If not, contact the backup facility to notify them of a refrigerator/freezer failure and the need to store vaccine at the backup location

Submit Completed Worksheet

Submit completed Storage and Handling Incident Response Worksheet

- ▶ Fax to 1-800-831-6292 or email to IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov
- ▶ Contact the Iowa VFC Program if you have questions or need to discuss recommendations

Vaccine Deliveries: TagAlert

Temperature Monitors in Refrigerated Coolers

- ▶ New temperature monitors (TagAlert) in shipments from McKesson
- ▶ **TagAlert temperature monitors should be discarded** and do not need to be returned to McKesson
- ▶ Each shipment includes a flyer with unpacking steps, TagAlert instructions and cooler return instructions to assist staff responsible for receiving vaccine shipments

Action item: Upon opening the box, providers should **immediately press the blue “Stop & Start” button** until the “Stop” icon appears. Then, read the indicator status to determine if the appropriate temperature was maintained during transit.



Vaccines Compromised During Shipment must be reported to McKesson on Date Received

If a provider believes a vaccine shipment was compromised, they must immediately contact the Iowa VFC Program at 800-831-6293 or IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov. **Do not dispose of the shipment** until guidance has been received.

Providers should also contact:

- McKesson Centralized Distribution: Contact centralized distribution immediately at 877-TEMP123 (877-836-7123). This must be done the same day vaccines arrive. Reporting later may result in the Iowa VFC Program being responsible for the spoiled vaccines regardless of the reason for the excursion.
- Direct Ship Vaccines (Merck or Pfizer frozen vaccines): Contact the Iowa VFC Program. Shipments issues may also be reported directly to Merck via their CDC/VFC Vaccine Inquiry Form.

Providers must contact the manufacturer directly with questions about storage temperature of temperature excursions for specific vaccines. Manufacturers have access to internal thermostability data concerning the impact of exposures to inappropriate temperatures or light for each vaccine lot.

Temperature Monitoring Parameters

- ▶ Alarm for out-of-range temperatures:
 - Refrigerator set to alarm when temperatures are equal to or above 46.1°F (8.1°C) or equal to or below 35.9°F (1.9°C)
 - Freezer set to alarm when temperatures equal to or above 5.1°F (-14.9°C) or equal to or below -58.1°F (-50.1°C)
 - Ultra Cold (ULT) set to alarm when temperatures are equal to or above -75.9°F (-60.0°C) or equal to or below -130.1°F (-90.0°C) for Pfizer COVID-19 Ultra Cold storage (if applicable)
- ▶ Logging interval (reading rate) programmed to measure and record temperatures at least twice per hour (every 30 minutes or more frequently)

Temperature Monitoring Parameters, continued

- ▶ TMD must have an active temperature display which can be easily read from the outside of the unit
- ▶ TMD must have current, minimum and maximum temperature display
 - If utilizing a cloud-based system, ensure min/max display is accurate

Temperature Monitoring— Download and Review Routinely

- ▶ TMD must have continuous monitoring and recording capabilities where the data can be routinely downloaded and reviewed every two weeks and whenever the data logger alarms
- ▶ The designated person reviews temperature logs at least weekly to ensure proper temperature recording and takes action if out of range temperatures are found on the logs during review
- ▶ Maintain temperature logs for at least 3 years for each unit either in electronic or paper format
 - If electronic, ensure other staff have access to records

VFC Storage & Handling Plan

Requirement:

- ▶ Vaccine S&H Plan must be reviewed, signed & updated at least annually
- ▶ Updated changes in standard operating procedures
 - Whenever S&H recommendations of vaccines are updated
 - New vaccines are added to inventory—
e.g., did you add clesrovimab, penmenvy or COVID-19 vaccines recently? Update your S&H Plan!
- ▶ Update when change in staff that has responsibilities specified in the plan
- ▶ Update review date and signature on document

Action Step:

Review clinic S&H Plan today with all Immunization Program staff

Vaccine Administration Fee

Requirement:

- Maximum administration fee is \$19.68 per injection
- Non-Medicaid VFC-eligible patients who have no health insurance, are American Indian/Alaskan Native, or are underinsured (seen only at FQHC, RHC or LPHA)
- A vaccine administration fee shall not be charged to Medicaid-eligible patient
- If patients unable to pay vaccine administration fee, administer vaccines and waive fee (do not bill after the date of service)

Action Step: Verify with clinic billing department the organization does not charge a vaccine administration fee exceeding \$19.68 per vaccine dose

More information available in the [VFC Operations Guide](#).

General Reminders & Resources

Ordering Replacement DDLs

- ▶ Immunization Program has Log Tag 400s available to VFC Program providers at no cost
- ▶ Send email request to IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov containing:
 - VFC PIN
 - Number of refrigerator DDLs requested
 - Number of freezer DDLs requested
 - If a docking station is needed
- ▶ Remember to check and set appropriate parameters and alarms

2026 VFC Program Webinar Series

- ▶ **Wednesday, April 22 at 12 p.m.:**

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/0fcaa7fc-80ae-4f77-b1f2-0e80748440df@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da>

- ▶ **Wednesday, July 22 at 12 p.m.:**

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/e9de5c8a-ca5f-4615-b363-c38bc27269a9@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da>

- ▶ **Wednesday, November 18 at 12 p.m.:**

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/b0c0ddd4-e947-4a66-b520-761a9cd48237@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da>

Webinars are recorded and can be found on Iowa VFC Program website:
<https://hhs.iowa.gov/immunization/vfc>

IRIS Webinars of 2026

Topics include:

- IRIS inventory management
- Mass vaccination
- Reminder recall
- Vaccine transfers
- Document doses administered
- Documentation of vaccine wastage
- Patient search tips
- How to unlock user accounts and reset user passwords

IRIS Webinar Schedule – 2026

The following schedule provides dates, times, details and registration links for the monthly IRIS webinars. Topics will include documentation of vaccine doses administered, IRIS inventory management, mass vaccination, reminder recall, vaccine transfers, documentation of vaccine wastage, patient search tips, how to unlock user accounts and how to reset user passwords.

Registration is required for each session via Teams. Please contact the IRIS Help Desk at 800-374-3958 with any questions.

Webinar Date & Time	Registration & Access Information
Tuesday, January 13, noon to 1 p.m.	Meeting ID: 225 731 684 997 31, Passcode: gD7FL2Wp Register for the January 13 webinar
Tuesday, February 10, noon to 1 p.m.	Meeting ID: 253 399 469 844 80, Passcode: 5ND3Jq6U Register for the February 10 webinar

- ▶ Registration is required for each session (via Teams)
- ▶ [**2026 IRIS Webinar Schedule**](#)
- ▶ Contact the IRIS Help Desk at 800-374-3958 with any questions



VFC Program Resources

- ▶ Iowa HHS Immunization Program:
<https://hhs.iowa.gov/health-prevention/vaccines-immunizations>
- ▶ VFC Program:
<https://hhs.iowa.gov/health-prevention/vaccines-immunizations/vfc>
- ▶ Iowa HHS Immunization Materials:
[Online order form](#)
- ▶ Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal—Immunization Data:
<https://hhs.iowa.gov/data-reports/health-disease/immunization>

Immunization Program

Phone Tree Changes

Title	Extension
IRIS – Immunization Records	800-831-6293 ext. 0
General Immunization Questions & Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator	800-831-6293 ext. 1
VFC Coordinator	800-831-6293 ext. 2
Vaccine Distribution Coordinator	800-831-6293 ext. 3
Assessment Coordinator (IQIP)	800-831-6293 ext. 4
VFC and Assessment Manager	800-831-6293 ext. 5
VFA Program Coordinator	800-831-6293 ext. 5

Questions?

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