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Flu Vaccines Available through the Oklahoma Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, 2015-16 Season

Brand Name	Name in OSIS
FluMist (Quadrivalent)	FLUMIST – VFC QD
Fluzone (Quadrivalent)	FLUZONE 6-35M-VFC-QD
	FLUZONE 6M-18Y-VFCQD
Fluarix (Quadrivalent)	FLUARIX 3Y-18Y-VFC QD

A detailed list of flu vaccines available through the VFC Program and vaccines available for private purchase for the 2015-16 season is available on the VFC page of the Immunization Service website at:

http://www.ok.gov/health/Disease_Prevention_Preparedness/Immunizations/Vaccines_for_Children_Program/index.html.

Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) for 2015-16 Influenza Vaccines

Vaccine Information Statements are available on the CDC website at:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.html> for inactivated flu vaccine, and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flulive.html> for live flu vaccine
- for versions in other languages, visit the Immunization Action Coalition web site at: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/>.

Remember federal law (National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act) requires anyone who administers vaccines to provide a Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) when an influenza vaccination is given to a child or adult.

VFC Program Influenza Vaccine Shipments

The entire order of VFC flu vaccine for Oklahoma is not available at one time due to the large size of the order. As a result, initial shipments of flu vaccine to VFC providers may be partial shipments. **Please do not call the Immunization Service to report that you did not receive your entire order.** You will receive the remainder of your order as soon as it is available for shipment.

Please do not order additional flu vaccine until you have received your entire initial order and your Immunization Field Consultant has notified you that additional orders for VFC flu vaccine are being accepted.

Valuable Influenza Resource

[Health Care Provider Influenza Information](#) including:

- Guidelines for vaccinating children 6 months through 8 years of age
- Contraindications and precautions
- Algorithm when vaccinating a patient with a reported or suspected egg allergy
- Influenza vaccine safety issues, including:
 - Deltoid bursitis, and
 - Febrile seizures in children,
 - Table of vaccine components, and more.

This information is available at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu-hcp-info.pdf>.

Flu Vaccine Recommended for Pregnant Women

Although influenza package inserts state that influenza vaccine should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed, inactivated influenza vaccine is recommended by the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) for all pregnant women at any time during the pregnancy.](#)

Published studies of several thousand pregnant women have assessed the safety of using the flu vaccine during pregnancy. These studies have shown no evidence of harm to pregnant women, to the unborn child (or fetus) or to newborns of vaccinated women. In fact, studies have shown that vaccinating a pregnant woman can give her baby antibodies to protect against flu for six months after they are born. For more information, please refer to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee Opinion Number 608 of Sept. 2014 at: <http://www.acog.org/-/media/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Obstetric-Practice/co608.pdf?dmc=1&ts=20150930T1809018354>.