

Questions and Answers from the
State-Supplied Influenza Vaccine Update Webinar on September 9, 2020

- 1. We already preordered a private supply of vaccines. If we run low of State supply can we use our private supply for patients who are now eligible for State-supplied vaccines?**
Yes
- 2. If we ordered private vaccine for Medicare and other ineligible patients, can we use that supply first?**
Yes. If you run low on your private vaccine supply, know that you have the ability to then order state-supplied vaccine to continue vaccinating these patients.
- 3. If flu vaccine is ordered today, what is the expected arrival?**
The earliest that it will ship is the Monday after the order is approved. McKesson has up to three weeks to ship an order to you but most likely will ship within a week.
- 4. Are schools administering influenza vaccines this year?**
Anchorage School District is administering some influenza vaccines this year.
- 5. If a product is limited in number available, such as Fluzone HD, how much can we order?**
Order what you think you will need. If we have limited quantity of a product we may have to reduce or deny your order. You can continue to place orders though once you run low and if the product is still available to order on the order set. If a product is not available it will be grayed out on your order set. We will continue to receive allocation in most products throughout the season.
- 6. Where do we refer patients who needs a product that we don't have in stock?**
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/flu-finder-widget.html>
- 7. If I order vaccines and have some leftover that I do not need, can I transfer them to another provider?**
Yes, reach out to other providers and if someone is interested in taking your doses, please submit a [Transfer Form](#) and properly [transport](#) the vaccine.
- 8. Can pediatric clinics order flu vaccine for the parents/caretakers of pediatric patients?**
Yes and for your staff as well.
- 9. When a pediatric clinic administers state-supplied influenza vaccine to adults, do we mark them all as "Ineligible" status, Public funding source? Will that properly decrement from our inventory in VacTrAK?**
If a patient is AVAP eligible (privately insured, see the Adult Eligibility document), then you mark them as State/AVAP status, Public funding source. If the patient meets one of the "Ineligible" categories (such as Medicare, VA, etc, see the Adult Eligibility document), then you mark them as "Ineligible" status, Public funding source. There is a chance that these doses will fall into Correct Lot Decrementing but our VacTrAK support staff will review your Correct Lot Decrementing each day and are prepared to connect these Ineligible Public flu doses on your behalf so that the doses will properly decrement from your inventory. If you have questions, please contact VacTrAK Support at vactrak@alaska.gov or 269-0312.
- 10. Did providers submit a pre-book influenza order earlier this year? Can I modify my pre-book order?**
The Immunization Program did not take any pre-book orders. You can order whatever you need throughout the season.
- 11. If I need help estimating how many doses to order, who can I contact?**
A: VacTrAK support (vactrak@alaska.gov, 269-0312) can assist you with pulling the Vaccine Administered Report in VacTrAK to view how many doses you administered last season. You can also contact the inventory management staff at vaccinedepot@alaska.gov.

12. Can a transplant patient without insurance receive state supplied vaccine this year?

A transplant patient and/or any other patient without insurance can receive state-supplied flu vaccine. Some providers opted-in and paid a fee to serve their uninsured adult population. These providers can administer any state-supplied vaccine to uninsured patients. Providers who did not opt-in for their uninsured adult patients can administer only flu vaccine to their uninsured patients.

13. Is there an algorithm available/planned to determine which vaccine to give?

Not built into VacTrAK forecasting. You can use the [Flu Eligibility](#) document, the webinar PowerPoint slides or the [Epi bulletins](#) to help you determine which influenza product to order and administer for your patients.

14. Is EPI looking at a data base for people to register for flu shot before coming in to get it?

They are researching a software that may be available for COVID vaccine.