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TO: All CVP Enrolled Provider Sites

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SUBJECT: Temporary expansion of influenza vaccine availability for all children 5 through 18 years of age

In Connecticut, we continue to see widespread influenza activity and influenza hospitalization rates in the state have reached levels that we last saw during the second wave of the H1N1 pandemic in 2009. We urge public and private sector providers of vaccine to renew their efforts to vaccinate people against influenza. Renewed vaccination efforts, especially in our cities, could still have an impact on reducing hospitalizations and deaths due to influenza

Vaccinating people against seasonal influenza is a joint effort between private providers and community immunizers. The Department of Public Health is working with our partners throughout the state to identify unmet needs for influenza vaccine. We have received reports of private providers, who administer influenza vaccine to privately-insured children 5 years through 18 years, who have run out of influenza vaccine. Currently, influenza vaccine is still available through pharmacies, although the availability varies from day-to-day and pharmacists can only provide flu shots for persons aged 18 years and older. Local health departments and community health centers continue to vaccinate children and others in need.

For the remainder of the 2012-2013 influenza season, the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) is temporarily expanding the availability of influenza vaccine to include all privately-insured children age 5 through 18 years old. So, influenza vaccine will be available through the CVP for all children 6 months through 18 years.



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Below is a list of the flu formulations we currently have in stock:

Vaccine	Package	Dose	Age	Thimerosal	NDC #	CPT Code
Fluarix (GSK)	Single dose syringe	0.5 mL	3 years and older	NO	58160-0879-52	90656
FluVirin (Novartis)	Single dose syringe	0.5 mL	4 years and older	NO	66521-0115-02	90656
FluMist (MedImmune)	Single dose sprayer	0.2 mL	2-49 years	NO	66019-0110-10	90660

Health care providers enrolled in the CVP can place their vaccine orders by calling the CVP at (860) 509-7929 or by faxing their vaccine order form to (860) 509-8371. Vaccine orders will be processed the same day as received and providers can expect influenza vaccine to be delivered within 24-48 hours.

If you have any questions please contact Mick Bolduc, Vaccine Coordinator for the Connecticut Vaccine Program at 860-509-7940 or michael.bolduc@ct.gov.