

DATE: June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

TO: All Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

FROM: NDHHS Immunization Program

RE: 2016 – 2017 VFC FluMist® Replacement 2016-6-d

FluMist® will not be provided by the VFC program for this upcoming flu season.

At the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 ACIP meeting, the effectiveness of FluMist® Quadrivalent for the 2015-2016 season was reviewed. The result was that ACIP issued an interim recommendation that FluMist is not recommended for next season. Attached is a copy of CDC's media statement and can be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/s0622-laiv-flu.html>

The NDHHS Immunization Program has asked CDC to reserve more injectable flu vaccine to match what Nebraska reserved for FluMist. Therefore, your clinic would receive more injectable flu vaccine in the same amount of your FluMist reservation; however presentation of vaccine may vary.

Nebraska has asked to receive additional doses of the below presentations to allocate to clinics.

- 0.25 mL syringes of Fluzone for ages 6 months to 36 months
- 0.5 mL syringes of Fluarix for ages 3 years+
- Fluzone multi-dose vial, 10 doses per vial for ages 6months+

There is nothing needed from your clinic at this time.

We greatly value a successful collaboration between your clinic and our program. Should you have any questions please contact Gary Miller, Vaccine Ordering Specialist at (402) 471-6425 or the NDHHS Immunization Program at (402) 471-6423 or (800) 798-1696.

*As a reminder, the last of this season's flu vaccine is set to expire on 6-30-16. Please refer to the Return and Wasted Vaccine Process in the Appendix or pages 24-25 of your 2016 Nebraska Immunization Program Provider Manual.*

- \* *Unopened vaccine is returned to the NDHHS Immunization Program with a return report.*
- \* *For any doses left in an open multi-dose vial, do NOT return the vial but use the NESIIS waste option to account for Opened Vial – Not All Doses Adminstered.*

Thank you.

The NDHHS Immunization Program