



Ohio Vaccines for Children (VFC) Education Session

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Agenda

- Welcome.
- Objectives.
- Vaccine Update.
- VFC Program Updates.
- Flu Returns and Ordering.
- ODH WIFI Glycol Recalibration Replacement.
- Questions.

Objectives

At the end of the webinar, vaccine providers should:

- Become familiar with VFC vaccines, specifically RSV and flu products.
- Learn about the updated VFC vaccine inventory policy.
- Begin to understand the updated underinsured criteria.

VFC Vaccine Updates:

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The following two vaccines are NOT YET available through VFC

1. ENFLONSIA (Clesrovimab-cfor) by Merck.

- Given to infants at birth and up to 8 months of age during the infant's first RSV season.

2. PENMENVY (MenABCWY) GlaxoSmithKline.

- The newest Meningococcal ABCWY vaccine product.
- It may be used when both Meningococcal ACWY and Meningococcal B vaccines are recommended at the same visit to prevent invasive meningococcal disease.

RSV Products Available Through VFC

ABRYSVO- maternal vaccination

- Given to protect pregnant women and provide passive protection for their baby.

NIRSEVIMAB (BEYFORTUS)

- Given to infants at birth and up to 8 months of age during the infant's first RSV season.
- It may also be given to infants/toddlers 8 through 19 months of age during a second RSV season if the child has qualifying conditions.

ABRYSVO (Maternal Vaccination)

ABRYSVO: Infant Protection Through Maternal Vaccination

Pregnant women may be immunized only with **ABRYSVO**.

Maternal RSV vaccination is administered to pregnant women in their **gestational weeks 32 through 36 and six days**.

ABRYSVO may be received during one pregnancy only. Additional doses are not currently recommended for subsequent pregnancies.

Maternal Vaccination with ABRYSVO

Ohio's RSV Season October through March

Vaccinate Pregnant Women with Abrysvo



September 1

October

November

December

January 31

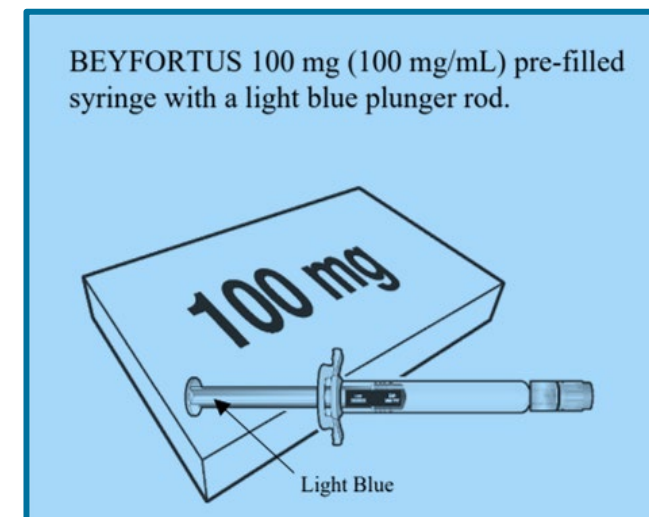
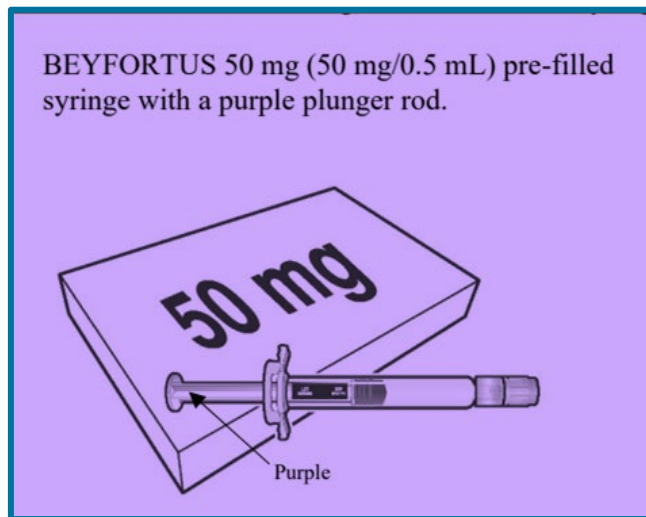


Must be during gestational weeks 32 -36.

Monoclonal Antibody For Infants (BEYFORTUS)

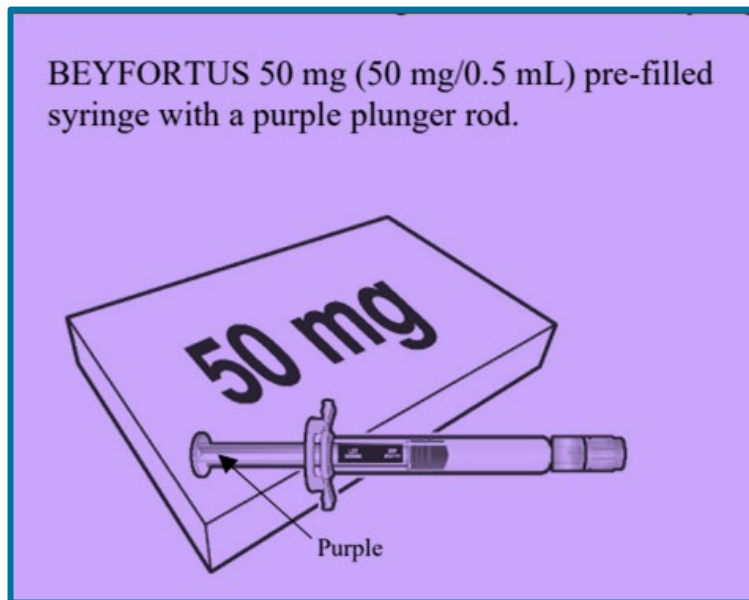
BEYFORTUS

- BEYFORTUS is available in a 50 mg (0.5mL) and a 100 mg (1.0mL) single use, pre-filled syringe.
- Check the labels on the carton and pre-filled syringe to ensure the correct dosage of product is being used.



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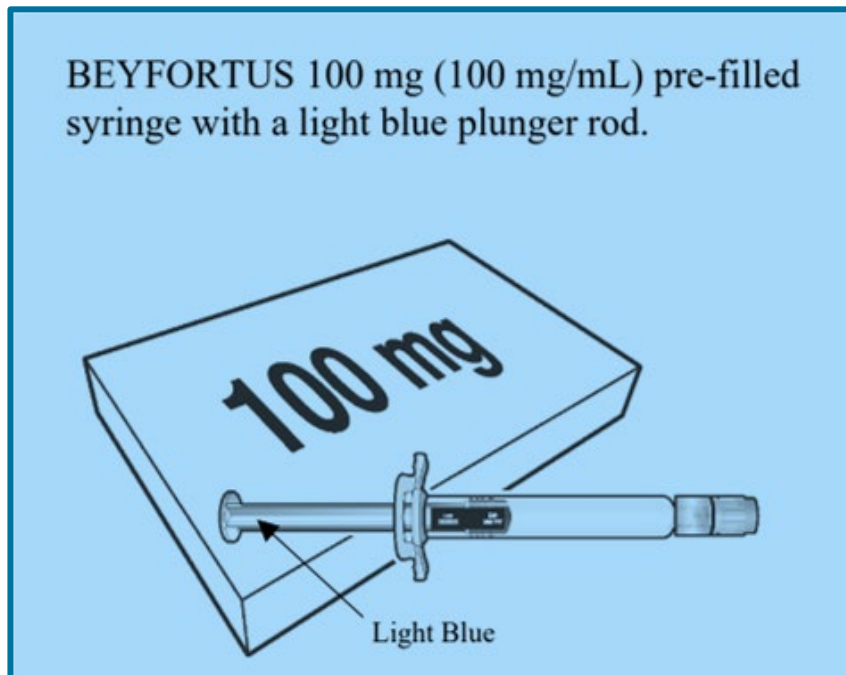
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- Concomitant administration is allowed with routine immunizations with no interference.

BEYFORTUS 100mg (1.0mL)

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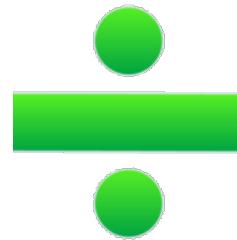
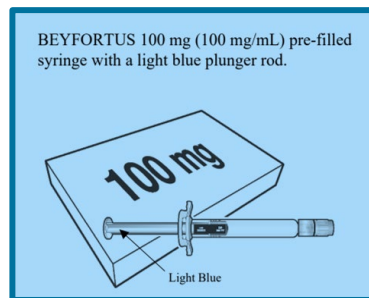
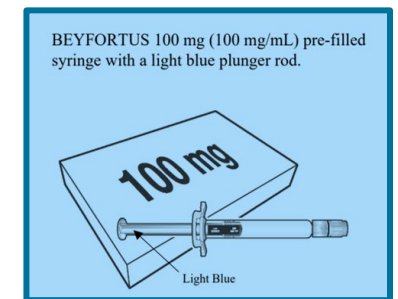
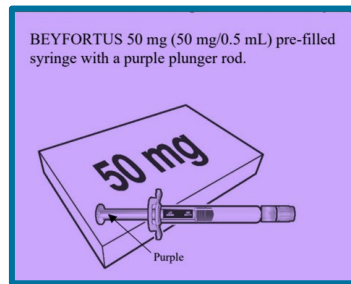


- Infants less than 8 months, weighing **5 kg or more (greater than or equal to 11lbs)** receive one **100mg dose**.
- Children 8 to 19 months of age who remain at increased risk for severe RSV disease in their **second RSV season**, should receive a **200 mg** dose **administered as two IM injections (2 x 100 mg)**.
- Concomitant administration is allowed with routine immunizations with no interference.

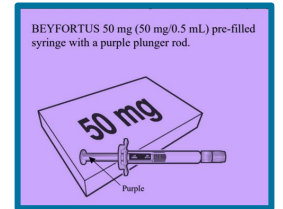
BEYFORTUS Administration Tips

The correct dose by weight must be used.

- You **cannot use** two 50mg doses if a 100mg dose is required.
- You **cannot use** half of a 100mg dose if 50mg dose is required.



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First RSV Season For Infants

One dose of a monoclonal antibody product is recommended for **infants younger than 8 months of age** who were born shortly before or are entering their **first RSV season** (typically fall through spring) if **an infant meets any criteria below**:

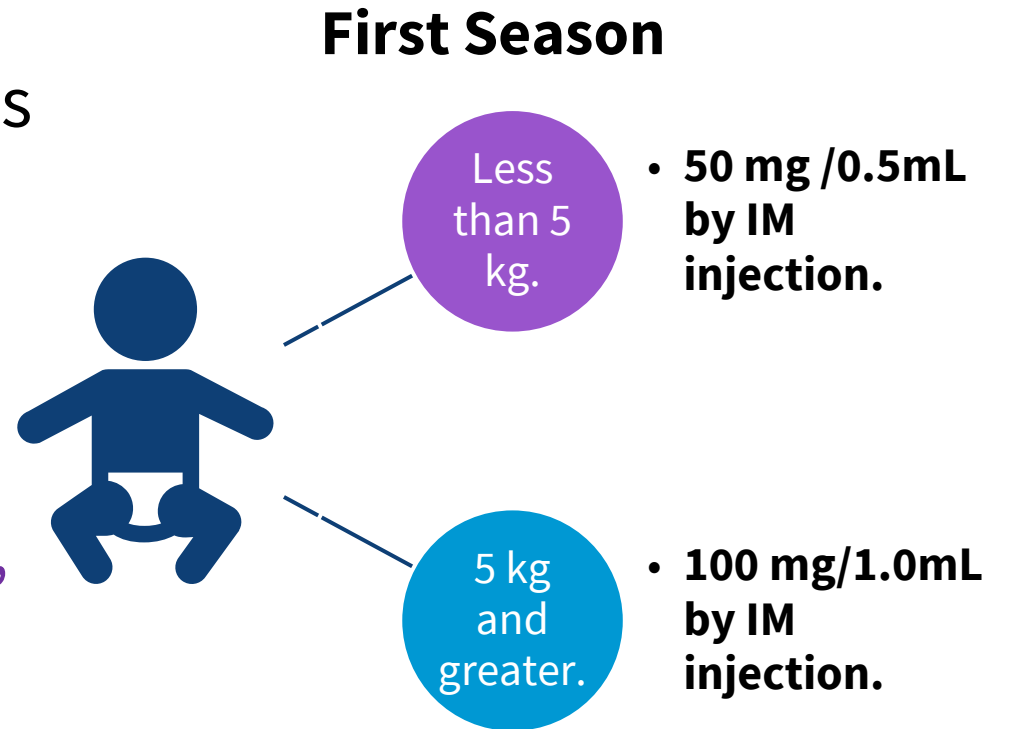
- The mother did not receive an **ABRYSVO** vaccination during pregnancy.
- The mother's RSV vaccination status is **unknown**.
- The infant was **born within 14 days** of maternal RSV vaccination.

BEYFORTUS RSV First Season

BEYFORTUS is given during the infant's **first RSV season** before they are 8 months old.

The **dose is based** upon their **weight**.

- If the infant is **less than 5 kilograms**, they receive a **50mg/0.5mL/IM**.
- If they weigh **5 kilograms or more**, they will receive **100mg/1.0mL/IM**.



Second RSV Season For Older Infants

- Beyfortus is recommended for some older infants aged **8 through 19 months** old **who are at increased risk** for severe RSV disease and entering their second RSV season.
- These older infants are recommended to receive Beyfortus shortly before or during their second RSV season.

Second RSV Season For Older Infants

Infants at increased risk include:

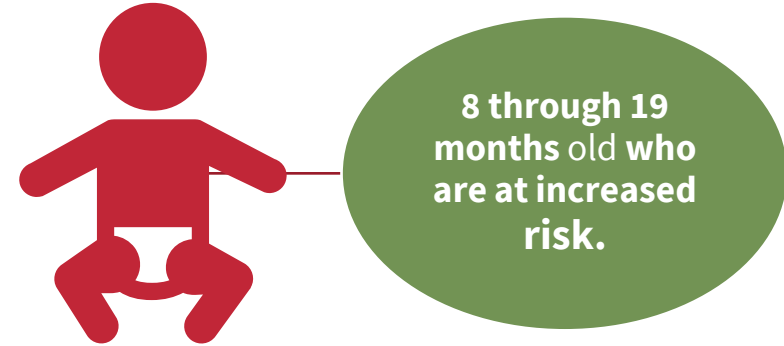
- American Indian/Alaska Native children.
- Children with chronic lung disease of prematurity who require medical support during the six months before the start of their second RSV season.
- Children with severe immunocompromise.
- Children with severe cystic fibrosis.

Children ages 8 months and older **who are not at increased risk** of severe RSV disease **should not receive** Beyfortus for their second season.

Second RSV Season For Older Infants

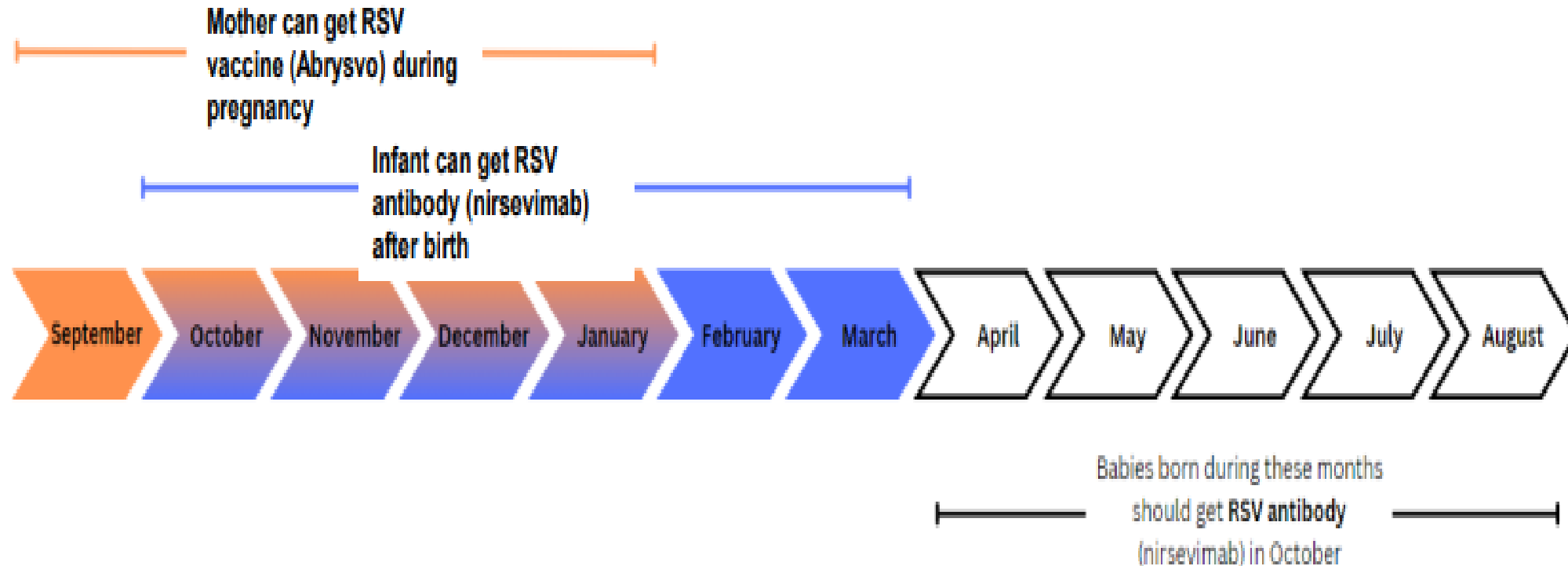
- For the **second RSV season**, infants and young children 8 months through 19 months of age, who are at increased risk, will receive **BEYFORTUS 200mg** a total dose.
 - Give two, **100mg/1.0mL** doses of **BEYFORTUS** (one dose in each leg) regardless of body weight.

Second Season



200 mg **BEYFORTUS** administered as two IM injections of 100mg/mL.

Timing of ABRYSVO and BEYFORTUS Administration



Except in rare circumstances, Beyfortus is not needed for most infants younger than age 8 months who are born 14 or more days after their mother received an Abrysvo vaccination.

BEYFORTUS Ordering

- Ohio is receiving biweekly nirsevimab thresholds of both 50mg and 100mg presentations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) beginning in August.
- Providers are encouraged to place an order for VFC-BEYFORTUS sooner. This ensures they have inventory when they can begin administration in October.
- Providers can place multiple orders throughout the season, as needed.
- The products are available in Vaccine Ordering Management System (VOMS) under the VFC- RSV order set.

Vaccine Inventory Requirement Updates: VFC and Private Inventories

Inventory Updates: VFC Inventory

VFC providers must stock all routine Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)-recommended vaccines for VFC-eligible patients.

NEW: There is now an exception to the VFC stocking requirement for COVID-19 vaccine.

Although VFC providers are not required to include COVID-19 vaccines in their VFC vaccine orders, these providers are strongly encouraged to order COVID-19 vaccine for VFC eligible patients.

Inventory Updates: VFC Inventory

VFC providers who do not order VFC COVID-19 vaccines should have a process to refer VFC patients interested in COVID-19 vaccination to another VFC provider that will provide the vaccine.

Prior to referral, please confirm that the VFC provider has VFC COVID-19 vaccine and will accept the patient.

This referral process should be included in the provider's vaccine management plan.

Inventory Updates: Private Inventory

Prior to July 1, 2025: Providers that serve any non-VFC eligible population, according to their provider profile, must maintain a separate vaccine inventory to vaccinate their non-VFC-eligible population.

The vaccines should be clearly labeled as private vaccine stock and separated from VFC stock within each vaccine storage unit.

Inventory Updates: Private Inventory

NEW: VFC providers are now only required to maintain a private stock of vaccines that they intend to administer to non-VFC eligible patients.

VFC providers are not required to maintain a full privately purchased stock of all ACIP-recommended vaccines for non-VFC eligible patients if they do not plan to offer all ACIP-recommended vaccines to this non-VFC eligible population.

Inventory Updates: Private Inventory

If a VFC provider does not carry privately purchased stock, they are not permitted to use VFC vaccine for non-VFC-eligible patients.

VFC Eligibility: Revised Underinsured Criteria

VFC Eligibility

Basic criteria for VFC eligibility remain unchanged.

1. Age Eligibility.
2. Insurance Eligibility.

The underinsured definition has expanded to include an additional way that patients can be considered underinsured and, therefore, eligible to receive VFC vaccines at certain VFC provider locations.

VFC Eligibility

Children through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

- **Medicaid eligible.**
- **Uninsured.**
- **American Indian or Alaska Native.**
- **Underinsured:** Underinsured children are eligible to receive VFC vaccine only through a federally qualified health center (FQHC), rural health clinic (RHC), or a public health department that receives deputized authority from a FQHC or RHC.

VFC Eligibility- Underinsured Category

A child is considered **underinsured** if they have health insurance, but the policy:

- Does not cover any ACIP-recommended vaccines. (Underinsured for all vaccines).
- Does not cover certain ACIP-recommended vaccines. (Underinsured for non-covered vaccines only).
- Covers ACIP-recommended vaccines but has a fixed dollar limit (or cap) for payment. (Underinsured once the policy reaches the fixed dollar cap).

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VFC Eligibility- Underinsured Category

A child is considered **underinsured** if they have health insurance, but the policy:

- **NEW:** Does not provide first dollar coverage (which includes co-pays, co-insurance, or deductibles) for ACIP-recommended vaccines. (Underinsured for vaccines until the child has health insurance with first-dollar coverage for vaccines.)

VFC Eligibility- Underinsured Category

This new criteria creates access to VFC vaccines for a small percentage of children who were not covered under the previous definition of underinsured.

Historically, patients with high-deductible health plans where the deductible had not been met were considered to be insured and not eligible to receive VFC vaccines.

With this additional criterion, these patients are now eligible to receive VFC vaccines at FQHC/RHC/deputized LHD provider.

Returning Expired 2024-2025 VFC Flu Vaccine

Flu Vaccine Return Process

All flu vaccine from the 2024-2025 season expired on **June 30, 2025**.
Remove remaining doses of flu vaccine from storage units.

Only unpunctured vials and unused prefilled syringes should be returned to McKesson.

To request a return label, complete a [vaccine transfer form](#) and submit it according to the instructions at the top of the form.

Providers will receive the return label via email. Please allow seven to 10 business days for the return label to be processed.

2025-2026 VFC Flu Vaccine Ordering

Available Products through VFC

Brand	Description	Age Indication	Manufacturer
Flumist	.2mL single dose nasal spray	2- 49 years	AstraZeneca
Flulaval	.5mL single dose syringe	6 months +	GSK
Fluzone	.5mL single dose syringe	6 months +	Sanofi
Flucelvax	.5mL single dose syringe	6 months +	Seqirus

Reminder: Flu vaccine ordering is by dose.

Expected Flu Vaccine Ordering Window

Opens:

Friday, Aug. 1.

Closes:

Sunday, Aug. 31.

Expected Flu Vaccine Ordering Outreach

- Flu Ordering Communication e-mailed to providers end of July.
- Message of the Day in ImpactSIIS
- Consultant outreach to VFC Primary and Back Up Coordinators in mid-late August.

Flu Vaccine Allocations

- Vaccine is allocated in September based on how much vaccine has been allocated to Ohio by CDC.
- Typically, the first allocation is completed the second week of September.
- Subsequent allocations will continue until our initial provider orders are fulfilled.
- The goal is for providers to have as much flu vaccine as possible by Oct. 1.
- Paper orders are accepted after the initial ordering window closes.
- Flu products will be added to the VFC refrigerated order set in VOMS towards the end of October after initial orders are fulfilled.

Flu Vaccine Allocation Example

Aug. 9: Provider ABC submits an order/prebook for 100 doses of Flulaval in VOMS.

Sept. 8: ODH receives an allocation of Flulaval from CDC.

Sept. 8: ODH determines the allocated doses can be used to fulfill 20% of each provider's Flulaval order.

Sept. 8-9: ODH will process an order for Provider ABC for 20 doses of Flulaval.

The remaining 80 doses of Flulaval will be sent to Provider ABC in subsequent allocations.

ODH-Supplied Wi-Fi Data Logger (DDL) Glycol Probe Replacement

ODH-Supplied WiFi Probe Replacement

June 2023: ODH began installing Wi-Fi digital data loggers at VFC sites that chose to use ODH-supplied devices for VFC vaccine temperature monitoring.

These data loggers were installed with glycol probes calibrated for a period of two years.

At this time, to ensure current calibration of ODH-supplied DDLs, VFC will be sending out replacement glycol probes to sites that have data loggers with a calibration expiration date each month.

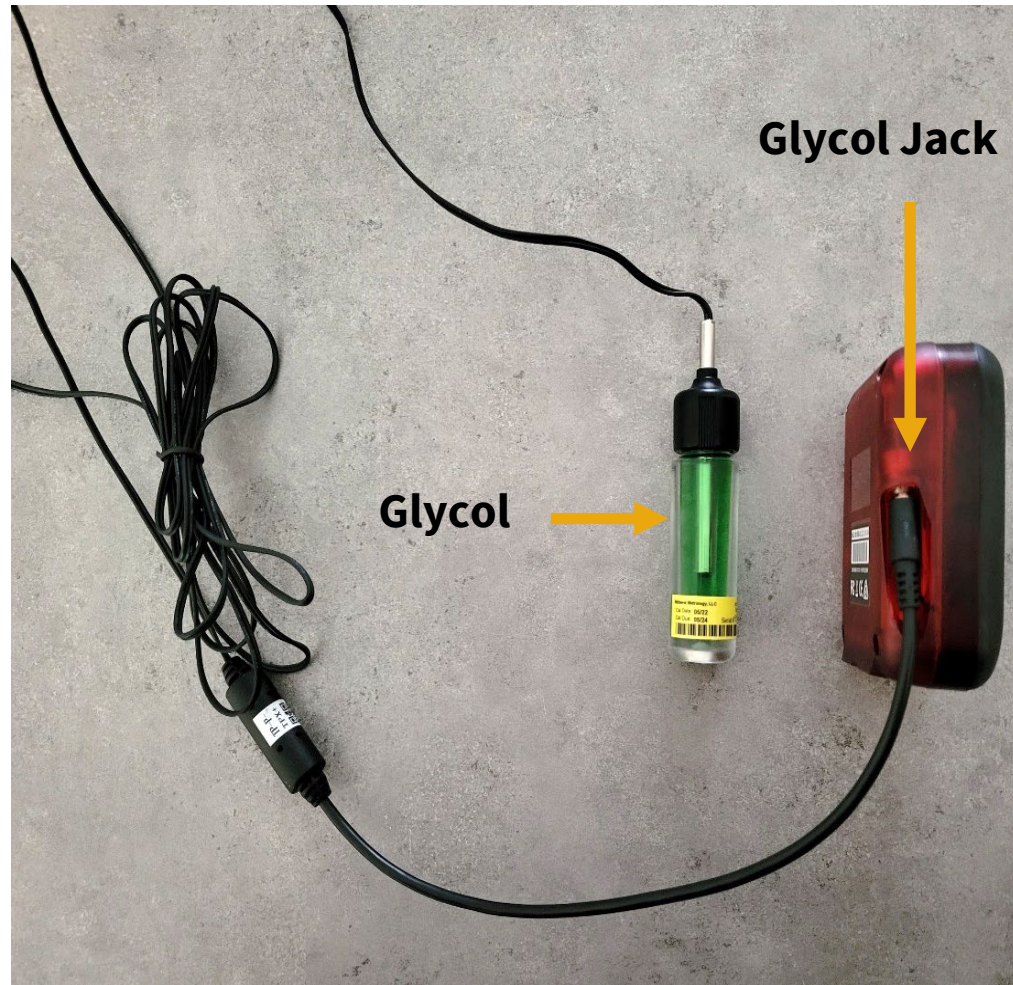
ODH WiFi Probe Replacement Communications

1. Email communication to all VFC providers using ODH Wi-Fi DDLs regarding this process. (Expected: end of August).
2. Email communication to VFC providers who have probes expiring at the end of the month. (Expected: The beginning of each month).

Make sure all contact information is up to date in our systems to assure you are receiving these communications.

Contact the ODH VFC Program at 1-800-282-0546 to update your information.

ODH-Supplied WiFi Probe Replacement



New, calibrated glycol probes will be mailed to your site.

A package insert with directions will be included with the shipment of the new glycol probes.

VFC Updates and Reminders

Reminders and Announcements

- Contact ODH VFC Program if you have any VFC Coordinator staffing changes.
- Always contact the Immunization Program for approval prior to any non-emergency transport of VFC vaccine.
- DO NOT report temperature excursions via email to the VFC mailbox.
- Report temperature excursions via phone to the Immunization Program main line: 1-800-282-0546.

ODH VFC Website: VFC Communications

- VFC Program emails are sent from vfc@odh.ohio.gov to Primary VFC and Back Up VFC coordinator emails.
- Most emailed communications are available on our [VFC Communications webpage](#) for providers to view.

An official State of Ohio site. [Here's how you know](#) ✓

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Vaccines for Children Communications

Take a look at our most recent communications below.

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EARLY CHILDCARE VACCINE REQUIREMENTS

K-12 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS

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01/14/25 - [2025 Vaccines for Children Annual Recertification](#)

01/09/25 - [2025 Vaccines for Children Annual Education Requirement](#)

03/10/25 - [McKesson Vaccines for Children Shipment Update](#)

04/29/25 - [April 2025 Vaccines for Children Education Session](#)

07/16/25 - [Vaccines for Children Program Update: Vaccine Inventory Guidance](#)

07/22/25 - [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Program Update: Revised Eligibility for Underinsured Children and Adolescents](#)

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