

MnVFC Announcement

Date: July 31, 2024

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: **2024-2025 MnVFC Flu Vaccine Shipping Soon and Mpox vaccine available August 1**

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

MnVFC flu vaccine shipping soon

The MnVFC 2024-2025 flu vaccine will begin shipping to providers next week. We will continue to ship flu vaccine orders as doses become available from the manufacturers throughout the coming months. To make sure all MnVFC providers have flu vaccine early in the season, and because different brands and presentations become available at different times, you may not receive all your doses in one shipment. **Sites can expect to receive a few small shipments throughout the distribution season.** You will receive a confirmation email when we process your order. You can check the status of your prebook requests at any time in MIIC. Visit page 6 of our [Special Vaccine Event User Guide \(PDF\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf) (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf) for more details. Note that the flu vaccines in MIIC may still be labeled as “quad” or quadrivalent. This is an artifact that cannot be easily updated, but all the vaccines are the current, approved trivalent products.

Get ready for flu season

- Providers should begin vaccinating priority patients as soon as they have vaccine:
 - Children 6 months through 8 years old who have received fewer than two influenza vaccine doses before July 1, separated by at least 4 weeks apart or vaccination history is unknown.
 - Pregnant people in their third trimester.
- Watch for additional communications from the Minnesota Department of Health as more information becomes available.
- Consider scheduling larger-scale influenza vaccination clinics (e.g., walk-up or drive-thru clinics) in late October or early November to ensure adequate vaccine supply.
- Provide [CDC: Vaccine Information Statements](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis) (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis) to patients. Ensure you are using the appropriate and most current VIS: Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Inactivated or Recombinant) or Influenza (Flu) Vaccine (Live, Intranasal) by referring to [CDC: Current VISs](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html) (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html).
- Read the 2024-2025 RespVax Guide when it is posted online. Get an email alert when the guide and other flu materials are updated by subscribing to the MDH [Influenza Information for Health Professionals](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/index.html) (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/index.html). Type in your email address at the bottom of the page and click “submit.”
- Check the status of your flu orders in MIIC under “manage special vaccine event”. As flu vaccine doses become available from the manufacturers, MDH staff will process your flu prebook vaccine orders in MIIC. Sites can check the status and details of their flu vaccine requests in MIIC throughout the distribution season. More information about viewing special event vaccine requests in MIIC is available at [Special Event Vaccine Request](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf) ([https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/train/specrequest.pdf))

Mpox vaccine available starting August 1

JYNNEOS, the Bavarian Nordic Mpox vaccine has been added to the MnVFC contract. This vaccine will be available to order in MIIC as of August 1. It is available in packages of 10 single dose vials.

JYNNEOS vaccine is approved and recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for people 18 years of age and older who are at risk for mpox. It is licensed as a two-dose series, administered 28 days apart.

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JYNNEOS vaccine can also be given to people at risk who are under 18 years of age under the current Emergency Use Authorization. For more information including who is at risk, visit [Mpox Information For Health Professionals \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/mpox/hcp.html#vax\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/mpox/hcp.html#vax).

If your patient population includes people who are recommended for the vaccine, consider offering JYNNEOS vaccine in your practice.

Contact the MnVFC program staff at health.mdhvaccine@state.mn.us or 651-201-5522.

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