



Vaccines for Children Program Updates

Important Information

Flu Season 2024-2025

In preparation for the upcoming Flu season 2024-2025, flu shipments will begin Monday, August 5th. Please ensure that all remaining expired flu doses are listed on your August GRITS reports to receive a shipping return label for returns.

If you have not already completed a Flu Pre-Book survey for ordering flu doses this season, you still can complete the waitlist at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FluWaitlist>. Dose amounts and Brand preferences are not guaranteed but will be filled based on availability.

If you have any questions regarding expired flu doses or pre-booking/waitlist, please feel free to contact Regina Council (DPH-gavfc@dph.ga.gov).

Flu Season 2024 - 2025 Brand, Presentation and CPT Codes

CPT Code	Brand	NDC	NDC Description	VFC Age Group
90686	FLULAVAL	19515-0810-52	FLU; SYR; 10-pack (TIV)	6 months - 18 years
90686	AFLURIA	33332-0024-03	FLU; SYR; 10-pack (TIV)	36 months - 18 years
90686	FLUZONE	49281-0424-50	FLU; SYR; 10-pack (TIV)	6 months - 18 years

90688	FLUZONE	49281-0641-15	FLU; MDV10; 1-pack (TIV)	6 months - 18 years
90672	FLUMIST	66019-0311-10	FLU; SPRAYER; 10-pack (TIV)	2 years - 18 years
90661	FLUCELVAX	70461-0554-10	FLU; MDV10; 1-pack (TIV)	6 months - 18 years
90674	FLUCELVAX	70461-0654-03	FLU; SYR; 10-pack (TIV)	6 months - 18 years

RSV Season – Nirsevimab (Beyfortus®) Inventory

The timing of administration of nirsevimab is recommended from October through March. As a result, the VFC Program turned off ordering of the nirsevimab (Beyfortus®). New allocations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for nirsevimab will be implemented for the 2024-2025 season. RSV ordering will resume later this fall.

Important Note: Based on current shelf life for nirsevimab, providers with nirsevimab inventory on hand at the end of the 2023-2024 vaccination season should plan to store the product for use in the 2024-2025 season.

Pentavalent meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY-MenB)

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has licensed a new pentavalent meningococcal vaccine (MenACWY-MenB), with the tradename of Penbraya™ (Pfizer).

Penbraya™ is licensed to prevent invasive meningococcal disease caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroups A, B, C, W, and Y in individuals 10 through 25 years of age. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends Penbraya™ be used when both MenACWY and MenB vaccines are indicated at the same visit.

- Routine schedule: healthy individuals aged 16-23 years when shared clinical decision-making favors administration of MenB.
- Individuals at increased risk of meningococcal disease aged 10 years and older due for both vaccines.

For routine use, ACIP suggests:

- dose 1 (11-12 yrs.)= Menveo (MenACWY-CRM) or MenQuadfi (MenACWY-TT)
- dose 2 (16-18 yrs.) = Penbraya (MenACWY-TT/MenB-FHbp)
- dose 3 (16-18 yrs.) = Trumenba (MenB-FHbp).

The MenB component in Penbraya™ is the same as Trumenba®. MenB brands are not interchangeable. If a patient receives Penbraya™ (MenABCWY) for MenACWY dose 2 and

MenB dose 1, the MenB series is completed when a subsequent dose of Trumenba® is given at least 6 months later.

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to protect children and adults against many common infectious diseases. Many people that delayed vaccination during the pandemic are still behind schedule on routine vaccines. Healthcare professionals serve as advocates for the safety of their communities and play a key role in protecting patients from serious vaccine-preventable diseases.

This August marks the annual observance of **National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)** and is the perfect time to remind Georgians of all ages to protect their health by catching up on all recommended vaccinations.

Vaccines are available for these preventable diseases:

- Diphtheria
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (Seasonal Flu)
- Measles
- Meningococcal
- Mumps
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Pneumococcal
- Poliomyelitis (Polio)
- Rabies
- Rotavirus
- Rubella
- Shingles (Herpes Zoster)
- Tetanus
- Typhoid Fever
- Varicella
- COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Below are resources that may be helpful in guiding conversations with patients of all age groups to encourage staying up to date on vaccines, along with learning opportunities for all staff in healthcare settings.

[NIAM](#)

[Routine Immunizations Schedule](#)

[Adult Vaccines](#)

[Vaccines during Pregnancy](#)

[Travel Vaccines](#)

Important Notice

Legacy GRITS transition to GRITS 2.0

Another month has passed, and we are happy to report that we are still on track with implementation of GRITS 2.0. VFC will share a series of communications with specific information about key action items for private providers to prepare for the transition.

VFC Vaccine Ordering:

- For practices that have not yet migrated to 2.0 ordering in Legacy GRITS will stop close of business on Tuesday, August 13th. To avoid any delays in your vaccine supply, consider submitting an order before our blackout period. The blackout period will be Wednesday, August 14th- Monday, August 26th.

Key Practice Staff

- If you had a change in your Key Practice Staff, please update Primary and Backup Vaccine Coordinator information in Legacy GRITS. Access to GRITS 2.0 will be granted based on the information provided in Legacy GRITS. Each user will have unique login credentials created.

We are working diligently to get you all the training, resources, and support you need for this transition. Please keep an eye out for future communications, announcements, and training to get you started on your journey.

Stay in the Know

All project communication can be found on the [GRITS 2.0 DPH webpage](#).

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