

# VACCINES FOR CHILDREN



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**N**IVW is scheduled for December 1-7, 2019. CDC established National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) in 2005 to highlight the importance of continuing flu vaccination through the holiday season and beyond.

Previous flu vaccination coverage data have shown that few people get vaccinated against influenza after the end of November.

- Even though the holiday season has begun, it is not too late to get a flu vaccine.
- As long as flu viruses are spreading and causing illness, vaccination should continue throughout flu season in order



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to protect as many people as possible against flu.

- Vaccination efforts should continue through the holiday season and beyond. It's not too late to vaccinate.
- While vaccination is recommended before the end of October, getting vaccinated later can still be beneficial during most seasons for people who have put it off.
- Even if have already gotten sick with flu, you can still benefit from vaccination since many different flu viruses spread during flu season and most flu vaccine protects against four different flu viruses.

### The burden of flu

Flu isn't a "bad cold" and can result in serious health complications such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, and can lead to hospitalization. Flu can sometimes even lead to death.

- Most people who get flu will recover in several days to less than

two weeks, but some people will develop serious flu complications

- All people are at risk of developing serious flu complications and certain groups are at higher risk. For people at higher risk, flu is more likely to lead to serious flu complications that can result in hospitalization or even death.
- People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with certain chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease or lung disease, and people 65 years and older.
- Anyone who gets flu can pass it to someone at high risk of severe illness, including children younger than 6 months who are too young to get a flu vaccine.

By vaccinating yourself you may also protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

## TVFC/ASN Provider Manual Spotlight: Data Logger Requirements

All units that contain vaccine from DSHS must be monitored with a continuous monitoring device – a data logger. A data logger provides more accurate and comprehensive monitoring of temperatures to ensure vaccines are stored in appropriate temperatures and to identify excursions, if any occurred. Using a data logger may reduce vaccine loss by providing necessary data for evaluation when a temperature excursion occurs. In addition, all sites that participate in the TVFC and/or ASN Program must have a backup data logger that will be used in the event of an emergency or failure of the primary data logger.

Even with a data logger, staff must still comply with twice daily temperature and minimum and maximum recording requirements on form EC-105. A data logger must have memory storage of at least 4,000 readings and must stop recording when the memory is full - the data logger must not overwrite old data. For this reason, DSHS recommends that the data logger be downloaded at least weekly, on Mondays, to ensure excursions are identified and addressed in a timely manner.

For more information about other requirements for a data logger, please see the Chapter 3 of the 2019 TVFC/ASN Provider Manual.





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## Become an ASN Provider - Adult Safety Net Program

### About the Program

Currently, there are significant numbers of adults in Texas who are not immunized for recommended vaccinations, meaning that they are at an increased risk of developing vaccine-preventable diseases. Your participation in the ASN Program would help to address this important public health issue by providing access to vaccines for uninsured adults. Also, since ASN Program vaccines are of no cost to your facility, and you may charge an administration fee of up to \$25 per vaccine, joining the ASN Program is both beneficial to your business, as well as to the health of Texans.

### Enrollment

#### New Providers

If you are not currently enrolled in the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program, please contact the Adult and Adolescent Immunization coordinator for your health service region.

#### Texas Vaccines for Children Providers

If you are currently enrolled in the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program and are interested in becoming an Adult Safety Net Program provider, please complete the Provider Agreement Form. Only the following types of providers can be ASN Providers:

#### Provider Eligibility

Provider types that may enroll in the ASN Program include, but may not be limited to, clinics that are formally recognized as one of the following:

- DSHS Health Service Region (HSR) Offices;
- Local Health Department (LHD);
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC); and
- Rural Health Clinics (RHC)



### Vaccine Ordering Instructions

- ◆ Only the brands and presentations that you selected are available to order.
- ◆ Vaccine may be ordered in increments according to the pack size. If it is a pack size other than ten, it is noted in the vaccine description.
- ◆ The following vaccines (pediatric only) may be ordered in single doses: DT, Td, and PPSV23.
- ◆ TVFC requires recording of doses administered up to the current date and inventory and reconciliation (Provider C-33) of all vaccines before an order will be allowed.
- ◆ A current Temperature Recording Form (C-105) must be received by the local health department or health service region before an order will be processed. The C-105 must show all temperatures within range or that appropriate action was taken.
- ◆ A comment is required for any line item where the Order Quantity is greater than the Suggested Order amount.
- ◆ Local health department or health service region will approve all orders.
- ◆ Once the Submit button is clicked, a pop-up message will appear that states "Your order has been submitted."
- ◆ Print the confirmation page next". Click OK to have the message disappear. The Confirmation page will appear. Print this page for your records using the print icon at the top right.

### Ordering TVFC Vaccine

*All vaccines and toxoids recommended by the ACIP are available from the TVFC Program to enrolled clinic sites. Clinics participating in the TVFC Program are required to offer all ACIP recommended vaccines to the eligible populations they serve, including influenza vaccine.*

*For more information about TVFC Vaccine Ordering, please see Chapter 3, Section 2 of the TVFC and ASN Provider Manual. View Available TVFC Vaccines*

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## VIS Updates

Hepatitis B	08/15/19
Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae type b)	10/30/19
HPV (Human Papillomavirus)	10/30/19
Influenza – Live, Intranasal	08/15/19
Influenza – Inactivated	08/15/19
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	08/15/19
Measles/Mumps/Rubella & Varicella (MMRV)	08/15/19
Meningococcal ACWY	08/15/19
Meningococcal B	08/15/19
Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13)	10/30/19
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23)	10/30/19
Polio	10/30/19
Rotavirus	10/30/19
Varicella (Chickenpox)	08/15/19
Zoster / Shingles (Live)	10/30/19
Zoster / Shingles (Recombinant)	10/30/19

## DSHS Immunization Newsletter Subscriptions

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/Immunization-News/The-TVFC/ASN-Digest/>  
<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/Immunization-News/The-Upshot/>

## Did You Know?

### Do you know about holiday hours?

To prepare for holiday closures, DSHS Central Office has requested no vaccine deliveries on the following days:

**December 18th - 31st**

**January 1st - 3rd, 20th**

While placing orders this holiday season, list any closures your clinic will have in the comments section. This will help your Responsible Entity confirm when you will be available to receive vaccine orders.

## Update your TVFC Provider Information

*Please notify your RE immediately if there is a new signing clinician or a change in staff that are assigned the duties as a primary or backup vaccine coordinator. New primary or backup vaccine coordinators are required to complete the CDC "You Call the Shots" Module 10 and 16 and Vaccine Education Online's TVFC Provider Policy Training module. The TVFC Program agreement and profile must be updated if the site's patient population changes or when the signing clinician that signed the agreement form is no longer associated with the clinic.*

*Failure to properly update current clinic information may result in vaccine delays and possible negligent vaccine loss.*

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