

## MnVFC Announcement

Date: July 26, 2023  
To: MnVFC Providers  
From: MnVFC Program  
Re: **Merck shipping delays, prepare for flu vaccine distribution**

Please route to:

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

### Merck shipping delays

Merck has been experiencing shipping delays as a result of a recent network incident at Merck's third-party logistics provider. We are pleased to report that the issue has been resolved and they anticipate a return to normal shipping timelines no later than Friday, August 4. There may be a delay in shipment of VFC varicella products which are shipped directly from the manufacturer as well as privately purchased vaccines from Merck.

For MnVFC sites that use the Separate Stock method, please note that shipping delays are an acceptable reason for borrowing between vaccine stocks. Any borrowed vaccine should be fully documented on the [MnVFC Vaccine Borrowing Report \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/vfcborrowrpt.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/vfcborrowrpt.pdf).

### Prepare for MnVFC flu vaccine distribution

MnVFC flu vaccine distribution is expected to begin next month. There are a few things you can do to prepare. Now is a good time to clear out inventory from last season. Please report any expired flu doses from last season by selecting **report nonviable vaccine** in MIIC.

We recommend reviewing your prebook request by following the steps below:

1. Login to [MIIC \(https://miic.health.state.mn.us/miic\)](https://miic.health.state.mn.us/miic).
2. Go to the **Vaccine Management** header on the left-hand side.
3. Select **manage special event vaccine**.
4. From the Event dropdown select **2023-24 MnVFC pediatric influenza vaccine prebook**.

If you have any questions about your prebook request, please contact us at [health.mnvfc@state.mn.us](mailto:health.mnvfc@state.mn.us).

To make sure all MnVFC providers have adequate flu vaccine early in the season, and because different brands and presentations become available at different times, you may not receive all your prebook doses in one shipment. **You can expect to receive your prebook order in a few small shipments throughout the distribution season.** We will send out another MnVFC announcement when distribution begins.

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