



**ordering and vaccination centered around those months. We will return to a tiered ordering schedule (monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly) on February 1, 2008.**

Please see the chart below for the proper flu dosing by patient age. As a reminder, two doses of influenza vaccine administered one month apart are recommended for children less than 9 years of age who are receiving the vaccine for the first time. A new recommendation from ACIP is for individuals 6 months-8 years of age who received only one dose of influenza vaccine in their first year of vaccination to receive two doses the following year, with single annual doses in subsequent years. We will be supplying several different products during the course of the flu season:

<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>Formulation</b>	<b>Thimerosal</b>	<b>Age Indication</b>
Sanofi Pasteur	Fluzone	.25 ml single syringe	No	6-35 months
	Fluzone	.5 ml single vial	No	3 years and older
	Fluzone	.5 ml single syringe	No	3 years and older
	Fluzone	5 ml Multi-dose vial	Yes	6 months and older
Novartis	Fluvirin	5 ml Multi-dose vial	Yes	4 years and older
MedImmune	FluMist	.5 ml sprayer	No	5-49 years

**We will do our best to fill your monthly order as completely as possible, but you may not receive all the doses you requested, especially for orders placed in September and October before the full influenza vaccine supply is available. Thus, continue to order flu vaccine on a monthly basis. No backorders will be filled (e.g., if you order 100 doses and only receive 10, you will not be shipped the other 90 doses the next month unless you order them again).**

Our hope is to supply you with preservative-free vaccine, but you may receive some thimerosal-containing product based on the inventory we receive from the manufacturers. Please be sure to check which product you receive before administering the vaccine.

Attached are the updated vaccine information statements (VIS) for both the inactivated, and live intranasal influenza vaccines. As always, if you have any questions please call the State Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Dosage</b>	<b>No. of Doses</b>	<b>Route</b>
6-35 months	0.25 mL	1 or 2*	IM
3-8 years	0.50 mL	1 or 2*	IM or intranasal**
9 years and older	0.50 mL	1	IM or intranasal**

\* 2 doses administered at least 1 month apart are recommended for children younger than 9 who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time or who received only one dose in their first year of vaccination.

\*\* intranasal administration of live attenuated influenza virus is only approved for children 5 years of age and older