

Confirm Veteran's vaccine status:

Three options to locate Influenza immunization information:

- Outside the VA: MIIC Minnesota Immunization Information Connection
 - o A collaboration between the VA and Minnesota Dept of Health
 - When a Veteran appointment is made, a query of MIIC is ran for immunization
 information and any findings are pushed directly into CPRS
 - The query is sent the night before a scheduled outpatient appt and within 15 mins of a same day or walk-in appt
 - The query will satisfy any Reminders
 - Surrounding states' health databases are included in this query

1. <u>Immunization History</u>

Reports tab > Health Summary > Immunizations Minneapolis

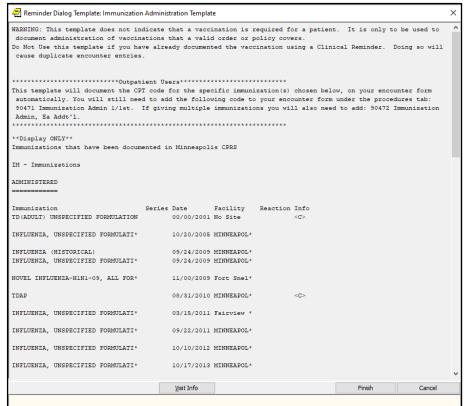
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Immunization	Series	Date	Facility	Reaction	Info	
COVID-19 (MODERNA), MRNA, LNP-S,*		06/01/2022	IZG:MN IIS			
COVID-19 (PFIZER), MRNA, LNP-S, B*		11/18/2022	IZG:MN IIS			
COVID-19 (PFIZER), MRNA, LNP-S, P*		04/02/2021	IZG:MN IIS MINNEAPOLI* MINNEAPOLI*		<c></c>	
IPV9		12/29/2022	IZG:MN IIS IZG:MN IIS IZG:MN IIS			
INFLUENZA, INJECTABLE, QUADRIVALE*			IZG:MN IIS IZG:MN IIS			
INFLUENZA, SEASONAL, INJECTABLE		09/00/2016	No Site			
INFLUENZA, SEASONAL, INJECTABLE,*			MINNEAPOLI* MINNEAPOLI*			
INFLUENZA, SEASONAL, INTRADERMAL,*		12/29/2021	IZG:MN IIS			
TDAP		08/01/2017	MINNEAPOLI*		<c></c>	
<c> See the Detailed Immunizations Health Summary Component[DIM] for Comments</c>						
*** END ** CONFIDENTIAL Immunizati	ions - 1	Minneapolis	SUMMARY p	g. l ****	****	

• Information pulled during the database query will show the location as IZG:<state> IIS.

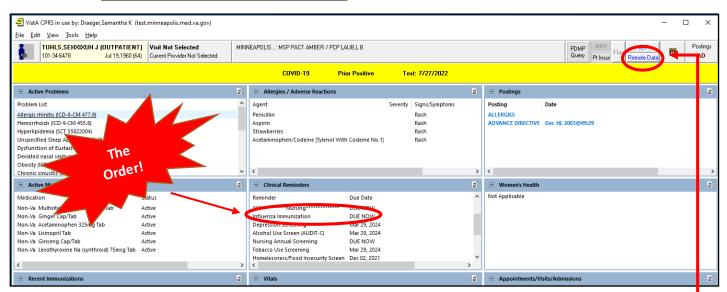


2. Immunization Template

Use any note title & the *Immunization Administration Template* (Located: *Shared templates > Nursing > Outpatient > General > Immunization Administration Template*)



3. Cover Sheet under Clinical Reminders



Use the *Remote Data* section to see additional/remote vaccination information documented at other VAs

2. SCREEN

Per available stock and ACIP 2024-25 recommendations, the VA will provide two options:

• Sanofi Fluzone High-dose: adults aged ≥65 years

(A high dose includes 3-4 times as much flu virus antigen for an increased immune response)



• Fluarix – standard influenza vaccine recommended for adults ≤64 years



Vaccine FYI:

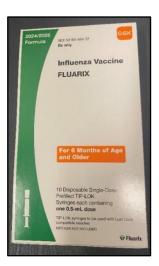
- The standard trivalent dose is available to persons ≥65 years by request only
- Screen each patient per department process prior to giving vaccine
- Eggs and latex allergies are NOT considered contraindications to receiving the vaccine, the only contraindication to the flu vaccination is severe allergic reaction (ie. Anaphylactic reactions)
- Review link for community options to receive flu vaccines:
 Flu Shots Near You National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (va.gov)

3. SUPPLIES



Supplies needed:

- Prefilled syringe in fridge
- Safety locking needle (22g-25g, 1-1½ inch)
- Alcohol prep
- Gloves/Face Shield (optional)
- Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS)
- Bandaid/cotton balls



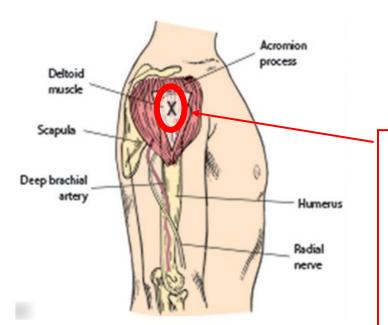
- The High-Dose is a 0.5 ml dose and comes in packages of two
- The Standard dose is a 0.5 ml dose and comes in a package with a row of ten syringes

Both vaccines should be:

- Stored in a refrigerator between 2º and 8ºC (36º and 46ºF)
- Do not freeze, discard if the vaccine has been frozen

4. ADMINISTRATION

- Administer flu vaccine in deltoid muscle
- This muscle can be used for more than one IM injection including Covid-19 vaccine
- Separate injection sites by 1 inch or more, if possible.



- Administer vaccine to the patient's deltoid (locate the acromion process, which is the prominent part of the shoulder bone; then aim for administration at approximately 2-3 finger widths below)
- Administer at a 90- degree angle
- Do not aspirate

5. MONITOR

- Instruct patient to wait 15 minutes in clinic post immunization
- Follow Anaphylactic Reaction to Vaccines and medications guidelines from the Ambulatory Standing Orders for **any** suspected allergic reactions:

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEDICATIONS POLICY:

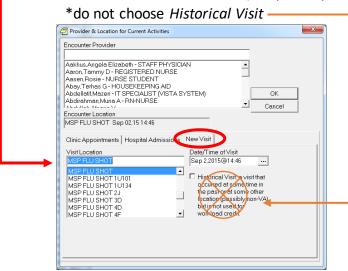
Anaphylactic Reaction to Vaccines and	Mild local reactions: Redness,	Mild local symptoms:
medications	Itching, TendernessLocalized edema at site	Ice pack to localized area
RN and LPN	Systemic reactions including: Hives Dizziness Shortness of breath Tongue/throat/angioedema Nausea Weakness Hypotension Loss of Consciousness	Any Systemic Symptom reaction: Call RRT/SMART: 1911 CBOCs call 911 Maintain airway Administer Epinephrine (1:1000) 0.3ml IM injection. Do not hesitate when systemic reaction is suspected! Epinephrine injection should be repeated every 5 minutes if needed until EMS arrives. Document adverse reaction in CPRS. Complete Joint Patient Safety Reporting (JPSR)

• Health care providers are required to report to Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting system (VAERS) any adverse events listed by the vaccine manufacturer as a contraindication to further doses listed: https://vaers.hhs.gov/

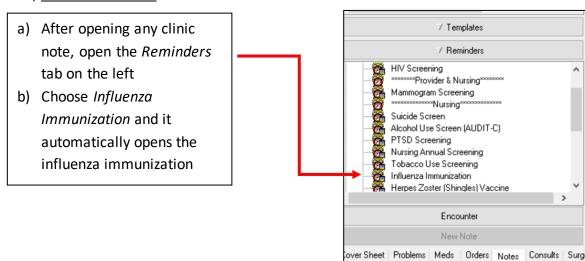
6. DOCUMENT

There are 3 ways to document the administration of the Influenza vaccine:

- 1) Provider/Nurse Schedule appointment:
 - Choose current clinic appointment
 - Use any note title & the Immunization Administration template (Shared templates >Nursing >Outpatient >General >Immunization Administration Template)
- 2) Flu shot only appointment:
- a. Choose new visit location-MSP or CBOC specific Flu Shot
- b. Note title Influenza Vaccination (template opens automatically),

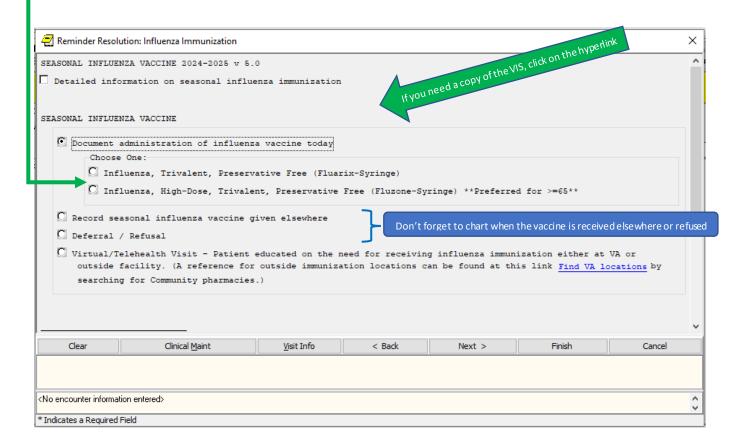


3) Reminder drawer



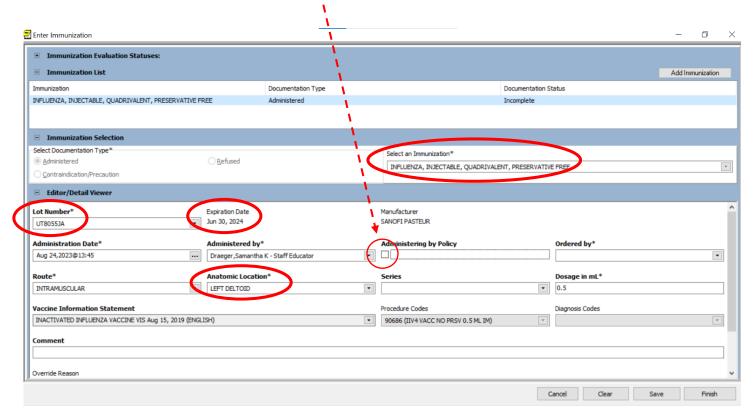
Documenting in the Influenza Vaccine Template

- The VIS hyperlink takes you to the most up-to-date version from the CDC
- If the patient is ≥65 years old **both** doses will be listed, if the patient is ≤64 years old then **only** the standard quadrivalent dose will be listed
- · After selecting a dose, fill out the VIMM



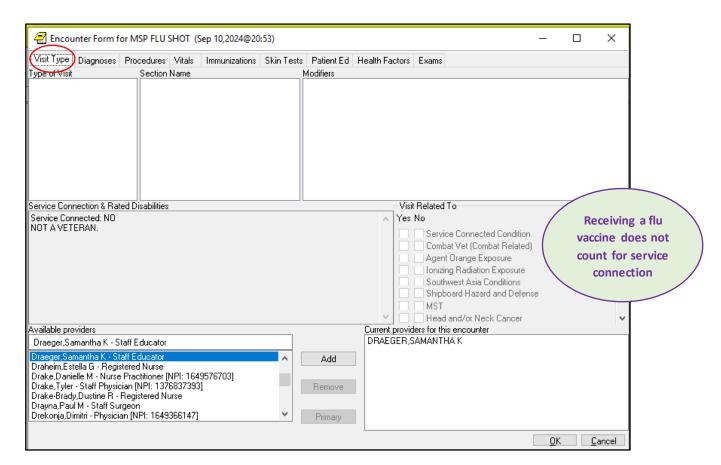
The VIMM

- Verify the correct vaccination, lot number, and expiration date (if there are any discrepancies, contact pharmacy)
- Any asterisked fields are required
- You will need to manually check the box Administered by Policy to activate it (the exception to this is any provider placed individual vaccine order)



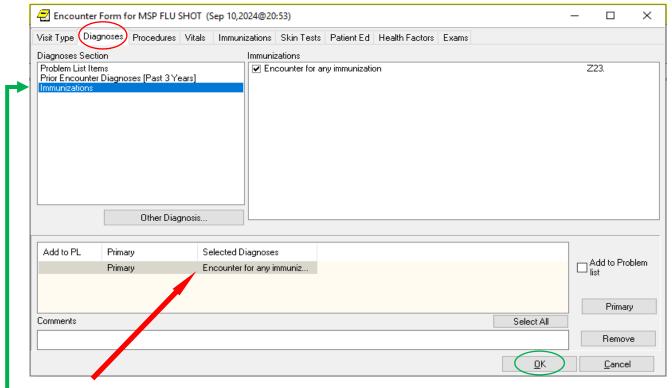
4. Completing the Encounter

→ Visit Type - The following information will automatically display in the encounter



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→ Diagnosis



- → Selected Diagnoses may already be autopopulated in certain situations.
- If there is nothing populated then select "Immunizations" from Diagnoses Section and check "Encounter for any immunization".

When the Encounter is completed, click "ok", and sign.

If there are any further questions, please reach out to your manager.