

2019-2020 Influenza Immunization Program Update # 2 for Community Immunizers

October 2019



Interior Health (IH) will begin its annual mass influenza immunization clinics for the public on November 1st. This notice contains important information for community vaccine providers on ordering, distribution and reporting responsibilities, plus information on available influenza vaccines.

1. **Remember that Immunizers who provided flu shots during the 2018-2019 season will receive a vaccine allocation for 2019-2020 based on reported usage during the previous year.** There is **no** need to place an order.
2. **New Immunizers only** should complete a vaccine order form at <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/sites/Partners/ImmunizationResourcesTools/Documents/Influenza%20Vaccine%20Order%20Form%20-%20Health%20Care%20Provider.pdf> and fax it to your local public health centre.
3. **Expect the next community allotment to arrive in health centres the week of November 4th.**
 - The Prevention Services Assistant (PSA) at your local health centre may notify you re vaccine pick-up. If notification is not received, please call ahead to the local health centre to ensure that your allotment is ready for pick-up.
 - Staggered shipments of vaccine from BCCDC to IH are expected to continue throughout November.
4. **Once all immunizers have received their allotment, as more vaccine becomes available, IH will fill orders for additional vaccine only when immunizers submit a completed usage form.**
5. **Report as required.**
 - a) Complete the Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) [Case Report Form](#) for all significant or unexpected adverse reactions following immunization with any vaccine product. Send the form to your local health center. Expect MHO/designate recommendations for future immunizations to be returned to the immunizer. Full details on AEFI completion and reporting are available at http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Epid/CD%20Manual/Chapter%202%20-%20Imms/Part_5_AEFI.pdf.
 - b) Report vaccine usage accurately to ensure you receive the desired allotment in the next year using the Vaccine Usage Reporting Form supplied with your vaccine and available on-line at <https://www.interiorhealth.ca/sites/Partners/ImmunizationResourcesTools/Pages/default.aspx>.
 - c) Expect to report wastage when vaccine is culled in the spring.

Publicly funded (free) influenza vaccine is available for those most at risk:

- People 65 years and older & their caregivers/household contacts.
- People of any age in residential care facilities.
- Children & adults with chronic health conditions & their household contacts.
- Children & adolescents (6 months to 18 years) with conditions treated for long periods of time with Acetylsalicylic Acid (ASA) & their household contacts.
- Children & adults who are morbidly obese (adult BMI>40; child BMI assessed as >95th percentile).
- Aboriginal people (on & off reserve).
- All children 6-59 months of age.
- Household contacts & caregivers of infants & children 0-59 months of age.
- Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy during the influenza season & their household contacts.
- Inmates of provincial correctional institutions.
- People who work with live poultry.
- Health-care & other care providers in facilities & community settings who are capable of transmitting influenza disease to those at high risk of influenza complications.
- Individuals who provide care or service in potential outbreak settings housing high risk persons (e.g., crew on ships).
- People who provide essential community services (first responders, corrections workers).
- Visitors to health-care facilities & other patient care locations.



The 2019/20 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

A/Brisbane/01/2018 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
 A/Kansas/14/2017 (H3N2)-like virus
 B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage)

Quadrivalent Vaccines:
 B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata/16/88 lineage)

Influenza Vaccine Administration in Children

- The dose of injectable vaccine for all ages, 6 months and older is **0.5mL IM**.
- Eligible children < 9 years of age receive two doses of vaccine 4 weeks apart **ONLY** if they are previously unvaccinated or if influenza vaccination history is uncertain. If one or more doses have been received in any preceding season, only one dose is given.
- For previously unimmunized children 2-8 yrs. of age who receive their first dose as either FLULAVAL®TETRA or FLUZONE®, the second dose can be given in the form of any of the available influenza vaccines recognizing that only FLUZONE® and FLULAVAL® TETRA provide quadrivalent protection.

Influenza Vaccine Quick Facts

Vaccine	Description	Available
FLUVIRAL® (IIV3-SD Inactivated Split Virion from GlaxoSmithKline Inc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable for any client eligible for publicly funded influenza vaccine. • Shelf life 28 days once the vial is punctured and stored at 2—8° C. 	Multi-dose vials (10 doses/vial)
AGRIFLU® (IIV3-SD Inactivated Subunit from Seqirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferential use in persons with a known hypersensitivity to thimerosal. • Suitable for any client 3 years of age and older eligible for publicly funded influenza vaccine. 	Single dose needleless syringes (10 doses/box)
FLULAVAL®TETRA (Quadrivalent or IIV4-SD Inactivated Split Virion from GlaxoSmithKline Inc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplied for use in ages 6 months to 17 years of age (inclusive). • Surplus vaccine can be used with adults 18 years of age and older. • Shelf life 28 days once the vial is punctured and stored at 2—8° C. 	Multi-dose vials (10 doses/vial)
FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT (Quadrivalent or IIV4-SD Inactivated Split Virion from Sanofi Pasteur Ltd.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplied for use in ages 6 months to 17 years of age (inclusive). • Surplus vaccine can be used with adults 18 years of age and older. • Shelf life is to the expiry date indicated on the vial label once the vial is punctured and stored at 2—8° C. 	Multi-dose vials (10 doses/vial)

