
**Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines for Ontario this Season;
Reporting Requirements; Ordering / Pick-Up & Delivery**

This memorandum is to provide you with the most up to date information regarding the 2022-23 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP).

It is recommended that all individuals ages 6 months or older who live, work or attend school in Ontario receive the influenza vaccine. ***High-risk groups should be immunized first.**

Individuals at high risk of influenza-related complications or who are more likely to require hospitalization:

- All pregnant women
- People who are residents of nursing homes or other chronic care facilities
- People ≥ 65 years of age
- All children 6 to 59 months of age
- Indigenous peoples
- Adults or children 6 months of age and over with chronic health conditions as follows:
 - Cardiac or pulmonary disorders,
 - Diabetes mellitus or other metabolic disease,
 - Cancer,
 - Conditions or medication which compromise the immune system (due to underlying disease, therapy or both,
 - Renal disease,
 - Anemia or hemoglobinopathy,
 - Neurologic or neurodevelopment conditions, or
 - Morbid obesity (body mass index of ≥ 40).
- Children and adolescents (6 months to 18 years) undergoing treatment with acetylsalicylic acid for long periods

We highly recommend you review the implementation materials posted on The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) website at www.ontario.ca/influenza (under Immunization), which includes program details, vaccine information, reporting requirements, fact sheets and other resources.

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Products Available for 2022/23

Influenza Virus Strains covered by the 2022/23 Influenza Vaccine

- A/Victoria/2570/2019 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus.
- A/Darwin/9/2021 (H3N2)-like virus.
- B/Austria/1359417/2021-like virus.
- B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (in quadrivalent vaccines only)

Product Name (manufacturer)	*Format	Age Indication	Dosage & Route	Post-puncture Shelf life	Thimerosal	Antibiotics (traces)
FluLaval Tetra (GSK)	MDV	≥ 6 months	0.5 ml IM	Label Box/vial 28 days	Yes (multi-dose vial only)	None
Fluzone Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	MDV/PFS	≥ 6 months	0.5 ml IM	Label Box/vial MDV 28 days PFS N/A	Yes (multi-dose vial only)	None
Afluria Tetra **Pharmacies Only** (Seqirus)	MDV/PFS	≥ 5 year	0.5 ml IM	Label Box/vial MDV 28 days PFS N/A	Yes (multi-dose vial only)	Neomycin and Polymyxin B
Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent (Sanofi Pasteur)	PFS	≥ 65 years	0.7 ml IM	N/A	No	None
Fluad (Seqirus)	PFS	≥ 65 years	0.5 ml IM	N/A	No	Kanamycin and Neomycin

**** Please refer to the Product Monograph for additional information**

*According to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), egg-allergic individuals may be vaccinated against influenza using the full dose of any appropriate product, including QIV, and high-dose QIV

* MDV = Multi Dose Vial

* PFS = Pre-Filled Syringe

Important Notes:

- Fluzone® Quadrivalent and **Fluzone® High-Dose Quadrivalent** are *different products*. Fluzone® High-Dose is only authorized for those 65 years of age and over. Please use caution when administering Fluzone® products to ensure that the right vaccine is being administered to the right person.
- Fluzone® High-Dose QIV and Flud: Distribution will be prioritized to Long Term Care & Retirement Homes and QHC. Remaining supply will be equitably distributed to health care providers.

VACCINE UTILIZATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For the 2022/23 UIIP season, the Ministry of Health no longer requires vaccine utilization reports from facilities that participate in the UIIP.

Reimbursement submission requirements for eligible organizations holding public influenza vaccine clinics still apply. Please see the [Reimbursement for administration](#) section of the Ministry's website for more information.

Pharmacies that administer influenza vaccine to individuals without an OHIP card must complete a [Universal Influenza Immunization Program Pharmacy Form](#) for these doses, for vaccine administration tracking purposes.

ORDERING INFORMATION**PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES with Trained Pharmacists:**

- You will order and receive flu vaccine through your distributor.
- ***You must submit four weeks of fridge temperature logs to HPEPH. These must be submitted on the 1st and the 15th of each month***, starting October 1st (fax to 613-966-1813 or email to VPDCalendar@hpeph.ca).
- ***If you are aware of a planned power outage or if your fridge goes below 2 degrees Celsius or above 8 degrees Celsius, please contact HPEPH at 613-966-5500 ext.222.***
- Failure to submit temperature logs will result in the suspension of vaccine ordering until the temperature log is received.

(ORDERING INFO continued....)

Week of	Community Partner	Pick up date
Sept19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Term Care Homes/Hospitals ONLY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On or after October Oct 5
Oct 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority to Retirement Homes, Congregate Care, Health Care Providers of High-Risk Patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week of October 17
Oct 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second allotment for Health Care Providers of High-Risk Patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week of October 24

***** Additional orders can be submitted the week of Oct 31 to coincide with the launch date for the Influenza program and general population.**

- Use this year's Influenza Vaccine Order Form included with this letter. **Do NOT use HPEPH's routine Vaccine/STI Medication Order Form.** A link to the appropriate form is also provided at www.ontario.ca/influenza or go to www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca and search for flu vaccine order form.
- **All orders must be faxed to 613-966-1813**, along with four weeks of fridge temperature logs.
- **Ensure you have 1-inch 3ml needle/syringe combos on hand, as well as 1-inch needle tips**, as vaccine provided will be multi-dose vials and prefilled syringe.

PICK-UP / DELIVERY

- **Belleville Clients** – orders after October 31 will be available at our Belleville office (must have 3 business days between order and pickup) *****see above schedule for prior pick up times****
- **Trenton Clients** –orders will be available for pick up (Oct 5, 18 or 19, Nov 8 or 9. Further pick ups for Influenza vaccine will be every Tuesday or Wednesday, beginning the week of Nov 14)
- **Centre Hastings Clients** –orders will be delivered to your office (October 6, October 18, November 9 and November 18)
- **Bancroft Clients** –orders will be available for pick up at the HPEPH office (October 11, October 20, November 10 and November 22)

- **Prince Edward County** –orders will be available for pick up at the HPEPH office (October 6, October 20, November 4th and November 18th)

For more information, call our Vaccine Information Line at 613 966-5500 x222