

ADVISORY: Influenza Vaccine Availability Update

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Advisory to all Hospitals, Health Care Providers, Pharmacies and Nursing Agencies:

Is flu vaccine available?

- Family Physicians/Nurse Practitioners: flu vaccine is available now for high risk groups only
- Long Term Care: FluAd will be available this week.
- Pharmacies: Please check www.pcchu.ca for updates.

How do I know what to order or who is eligible?

Use this table to guide you in determining which vaccines to order and which to administer to your clients:

	Agriflu® / Fluviral®		Influvac®	Fluad®	FluLaval Tetra® / Fluzone Quadrivalent®	
Influenza Vaccine Formulation	Trivalent inactivated vaccine (TIV)		Trivalent inactivated vaccine (TIV)	Trivalent inactivated vaccine (adjuvanted) (TIV-adjuvanted)	Quadrivalent inactivated vaccine (QIV)	
Dosage	0.5mL		0.5mL	0.5mL	0.5mL	
Route of Administration	Intramuscular Injection		Intramuscular Injection	Intramuscular Injection	Intramuscular Injection	
Eligibility (See below)	6 months and older*		18 years and older	65 years and older who reside in long term care homes (LTCH)	6 months through 17 years	
Potential Allergens	Agriflu: Egg protein^ Kanamycin Neomycin Thimerosal	Fluviral: Egg protein^ Thimerosal	Egg protein^ Chicken protein Gentamicin	Egg protein^ Chicken protein Kanamycin Neomycin	FluLaval: Egg protein^ Thimerosal	Fluzone: Egg protein^ Thimerosal
Package Description	Multi-dose vial 3cm x 3cm x 7cm		Single dose syringe 18.8cm x 15.2cm x 1.7cm	Single dose syringe 10.8cm x 10.2cm x 4.4cm	Multi-dose vial 3cm x 3cm x 6cm	
Once punctured, do not use vial after (complete Vaccine Return form)	28 days		n/a	n/a	FluLaval: 28 days	Fluzone: expiry date indicated on vial
Doses per box	10		10	10	10	10
* Unless specifically requested the TIVs are primarily targeted to adults 18 years of age and older – only Agriflu® and Fluviral® can be used to immunize individuals under 18 years of age.						
^ Egg allergy is not a contraindication to receiving inactivated influenza vaccines (see National Advisory Committee on Immunization Influenza Statement available at www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/naci-ccni/flu-grippe-eng.php)						

Use this table to guide you in determining which vaccines to order for specific age groups:

Age Group	Recommended Vaccine	Alternative Vaccine
6 months through 17 years	QIV	TIV (if requested or if QIV is not available)
18 years and older	TIV	None
65 years and older who reside in long term care homes	TIV-adjuvant	TIV (if requested or if TIV-adjuvant is not available)

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