

Flu Vaccine Delivery for Toronto Providers

Health providers can anticipate their auto-shipment of influenza vaccine from the Ontario Government Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Service (OGPMSS) as listed below. Flu vaccine distribution will be on your usual delivery day.

Early vaccination is only for people who are at high risk of flu-related complications or high risk for spreading the infection (health care workers). Vaccines for the general public can be given after the provincial launch in late October.

Anticipated auto shipment dates by providers:

Auto shipment week of:	Providers	Vaccine Products
Sept 27	Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QIV for staff HD-QIV for patients / staff
Oct 4	Long-Term Care (LTC)/Retirement Home (RH) facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QIV for staff HD-QIV for residents / staff
Oct 4	Primary Care Providers	Combination of QIV, HD-QIV and TIV-adj
Oct 4	Pediatricians	QIV
Oct 11	Pharmacies*	Combination of QIV, HD-QIV and TIV-adj
Oct 18	LTC/RH facilities, Primary Care Providers, & Pediatricians	Submit influenza vaccine orders / reorders
Oct 25	Pharmacies*	Submit influenza vaccine orders / reorders

*Pharmacies are receiving their flu vaccine supply from 3rd party distributors; distribution and re-ordering processes are separate from OGPMSS.

Products for seniors- There are two (2) different vaccine products available for individuals 65 years of age and older this season (**Fluzone**® HD-QIV, **Fluad**® Adjuvanted-TIV). Guidance will be provided in a future UIIP update.

To request no flu vaccines in the first auto-shipment, please notify OGPMSS by September 24th by calling 416-327-0837 or email OGPMSS.moh@ontario.ca.

OGPMSS Vaccine Re-Ordering:

- Orders for additional doses will only be accepted on or after October 18th.
- OGPMSS is unable to accommodate product-specific orders for quadrivalent vaccines.
- Order flu vaccines from OGPMSS using the attached Toronto ordering form.
- Call 416-327-0837 or email OGPMSS.moh@ontario.ca for questions about vaccine order.

Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines for 2021/2022

Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccines (QIV) for Children & Adults				Vaccines for Seniors	
Trade names	FluLaval® Tetra, Fluzone®	Afluria® Tetra	Flucelvax® Quad	Fluzone® HD-QIV	Fluad® Adjuvanted-TIV
Age eligibility	6 months and older	5 years and older	2 years and older	65 years and older	65 years and older
Dosage	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 ml	0.7 mL	0.5 ml
Route	IM inje	IM injection	IM injection	IM injection	IM injection
Hemagglutinin (HA) dose	15 µg HA per strain	15 µg HA per strain	15 µg HA per strain	60 µg HA per strain	15 µg HA per strain
Allergens	thimerosal (only in MDV)	Neomycin, polymyxin B			Kanamycin, neomycin
Packaging latex-free	FluLaval® MDV = 2.7 x 2.7 x 6.9 cm	MDV = 6 x 6 x 3 cm PFS = 12.5 x 6 x 9.5 cm	PFS 15.5 x 13 x 2 cm	PFS = 10 x 10 x 2 cm	PFS = 13 x 6 x 9.5 cm
	Fluzone® MDV = 3 x 3 x 6 cm PFS = 10.5 x 10 x 4 cm				
Product distribution	Primary care providers, participating pharmacies, retirement homes, LTC facilities, hospitals	Pharmacies	Public health units	Primary care providers, participating pharmacies, retirement homes, LTC facilities, hospitals	
Abbreviations	Multi-dose vial (MDV), Prefilled syringe (PFS), Long-Term Care facilities (LTC), Intramuscular (IM)				

- Common side effects are localized pain, redness/swelling at the injection site, malaise, myalgia, headache or low-grade fever
- 2021-2022 northern hemisphere influenza vaccine strains are A(H3N2) and A(H1N1) strain and B/Yamagata and B/Victoria. The adjuvanted trivalent vaccine contains influenza A(H3N2); A(H1N1) and one B strain from the B/Victoria lineage.
- Co-administration- NACI's recommends administration of COVID-19 vaccine 14 days after, or 28 days before other vaccines, including flu.
- Trained pharmacists may administer publicly funded influenza vaccine to individuals 2 years of age and older.