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Influenza vaccine delays and product change

Some flu vaccines are low or out of stock at the moment, though will be back in stock in a few weeks.

Adult Flu Vaccine (TIV): Over the next weeks, Toronto providers may receive *Influvac*[®], *Agriflu*[®] or a combination of the two products.

trivalent inactivated influenza vaccines (TIV)			
Trade Names	Stock	Packaging	Potential allergens
<i>Fluviral</i> [®]	out of stock	multi-dose vial	egg protein, thimerosal
<i>Influvac</i> [®]	full stock in a few weeks	pre-filled syringe	egg protein, gentamicin
<i>Agriflu</i> [®]	minimal stock	multi-dose vial	egg protein, kanamycin, neomycin, thimerosal

Pediatric Flu Vaccine (QIV): QIV injectable vaccine is in full supply.

Flumist[®] has been popular this season and is currently out of stock but is on backorder, and will be available by November 20. Place your orders now.

Given the burden of influenza B disease in children, NACI continues to recommend QIV to individuals under age 18.

To control wastage, do not over order flu vaccine.

Vaccine Delivery

Due to the volume of re-orders, OGPMS is experiencing a delay in service. As long as orders were processed by the cut-off, clinics have an option to pick up their vaccines on their zone delivery date to avoid any unforeseen delays.

To pick-up your flu vaccines, please call the OGPMS Customer Service line at 416-327-0837.