

UIIP UPDATE #1

Influenza Vaccine Delivery for Toronto Providers

Vaccine allotment, auto-shipment and ordering

Flu vaccine allotments for Toronto clinics and providers: Toronto providers and clinics will receive their first auto-shipment of flu vaccine during the week of October 5th. Your first auto-shipment will have the same quantities of quadrivalent (QIV) and high-dose trivalent (HD-TIV) vaccines as last year.

Offices closed or not administering flu vaccines: If your office has been contacted by Ontario Health, Toronto or delegate, and you informed them your office is closed or not providing flu vaccination, you will not receive flu vaccines this year.

If you have not been contacted by Ontario Health, Toronto or delegate regarding your clinic closure, or do not want to receive flu vaccine this year, please notify OGPMSS by September 25th by calling 416-327-0837 or email OGPMSS.moh@ontario.ca

Ordering additional vaccine: Health care providers can order additional flu vaccine beginning October 12th. Please order flu vaccine directly from the Ontario Government Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Service (OGPMSS) using the [UIIP Vaccine Order Form](#). Please only order what you will use, to reduce wastage

Vaccine fridge inspections: Toronto Public Health did not conduct routine inspections for vaccine fridges this year due to the pandemic. Clinics that received flu vaccines last year will receive flu vaccine this year, even without the inspection. Please continue to follow vaccine storage and handling practices.

For questions about the vaccine orders, call 416-327-0837 or email OGPMSS.moh@ontario.ca

Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines for the 2020/2021 Flu Season

NACI Summary Influenza 2020-2021

UIIP 2020/2021	Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIV)	Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIV)	High-Dose Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (HD-TIV)
Trade names	FluLaval® Tetra, Fluzone® Quad	Flucelvax® Quad	High-Dose Fluzone®
Age eligibility	≥ 6 months	≥ 9 years	≥ 65 years
Dosage	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL
Route	IM	IM	IM
Hemagglutinin (HA) dose	15 µg HA per strain	15 µg HA per strain	60 µg HA per strain
Allergens	thimerosal in MDV only	thimerosal in MDV only	
Common side effects	redness, swelling, pain at injection site; malaise, myalgia	redness, swelling, pain at injection site; headache, myalgia	redness, swelling, pain at injection site; malaise, myalgia, fever up to 3 days
Format & packaging latex-free	FluLaval 2.7 x 2.7 x 6.9 cm Fluzone® 10 doses per box MDV = 3 x 3 x 6 cm PFS = 10 x 9 x 4 cm	PFS	PFS = 10 x 9 x 2.2 cm 5 single doses per box
Availability	All providers under UIIP	Pharmacies only	All providers including pharmacies
Abbreviations	Multi-dose vial (MDV) Prefilled syringe (PFS)	Multi-dose vial (MDV) Prefilled syringe (PFS)	Multi-dose vial (MDV) Prefilled syringe (PFS)

Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV- intranasal spray) FluMist® is not publicly funded this year.

New this year, Flucelvax® Quad is a mammalian cell culture-based inactivated, influenza vaccine authorized for use in Canada in November 2019. It is considered effective, immunogenic, and safe in adults and children ≥9 years of age, and has a comparable immunogenicity and safety profile to traditional egg-based influenza vaccines already licensed in Canada.

For more information, see [NACI Supplemental Statement on Mammalian Cell Culture-Based Influenza Vaccines](#).