

# Influenza Immunization Program Update

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Alberta's Influenza Immunization Program provides publicly funded influenza vaccine for all individuals 6 months and older who live, work or attend school in Alberta.

The Influenza immunization Program for 2020-2021 is over. As of **May 1, 2021**: 1,651,105 doses of influenza vaccine were administered in Alberta.

Influenza data for the 2020-2021 season was reported on a weekly basis. Data included: number of doses of influenza vaccine administered by provider type across the province, number of laboratory confirmed cases of influenza, number of Albertans hospitalized with influenza disease and number of Albertans deceased who had lab confirmed influenza. Community providers can find this information on the Alberta Health Services (AHS) website:

[http://public.tableau.com/views/AlbertaHealthServicesRespiratoryVirusSurveillance/Summary?:embed=y&:display\\_count=yes](http://public.tableau.com/views/AlbertaHealthServicesRespiratoryVirusSurveillance/Summary?:embed=y&:display_count=yes)

As of May 1, 2021:

- Alberta Health Services Public Health provided 217,833 doses
- Community Pharmacists provided 1,098,136 doses
- Other Providers (which include Alberta Health Services Non-Public Health sites, Long Term Care sites, Community Physicians, Alberta Health Services Workplace Health and Safety, Covenant Health Occupational Health and Safety and First Nation Inuit Health Branch) provided 335,136 doses

## Remaining Doses of Influenza Vaccine

As the 2020-2021 influenza season is over we ask our community partners to ensure all remaining doses of influenza vaccine are disposed of in an appropriate biohazard container. Influenza vaccine must also be reconciled on AVI as "Wasted" "Wasted/Influenza Season End".

## 2021-2022 Season Planning

Planning is underway for the 2021-2022 season. It is expected that influenza vaccine will be available for a provincial start date in mid-October 2021. Vaccine may be available to provide for the Alberta Outreach Program in early October 2021.

Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine will be the provincially funded product for use for persons 6 months of age to 64 years of age and Quadrivalent Fluzone® High Dose will be available for all Albertans 65 years of age and older in the upcoming season.

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