

Influenza Immunization Program Update

The Influenza Immunization Program for 2017-2018 has ended. As of April 30, 2018 **1,229,350 doses** of influenza vaccine were administered in Alberta. Thank you for your support of the Alberta Influenza Immunization Program. Influenza data for the 2017-2018 season is reported on a weekly basis. Data includes: 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

As of April 30, 2018:

Physicians have provided 103,927 doses of influenza vaccine

AHS Non Public Health Partners have provided 66,201 doses of influenza vaccine

Other Community Partners have provided 50,376 doses of influenza vaccine

Public Health have provided 384,984 doses of influenza vaccine

Community Pharmacists have provided 616,625 doses of influenza vaccine

FNIHB have provided 7,237 doses of influenza vaccine

Remaining Doses of Influenza Vaccine

Remaining influenza vaccines should have been disposed of in appropriate containers (e.g., sharps containers) in your office/clinic at the end of the program on March 31, 2018. You will be required to record this vaccine in the Alberta Vaccine Inventory (AVI) system as **Category: Wasted, Reason: Wasted/Influenza Season End** and in addition record this vaccine as wasted on your vaccine specific reporting forms. If your site has not done this please do so at this time.

2018-2019 Influenza Program Planning and Start Date

The 2018-2019 influenza season will begin on October 15, 2018. Partners who register for the program will have provincially funded influenza vaccine made available to them for the October 15 start date.

Influenza program information and the Influenza Program Registration Form will be available on the Influenza website in September 2018.

The vaccine product for the provincially funded program will be a quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine for all persons 6 month of age and older.

The Influenza Program Registration Form will require information on your vaccine refrigerator and minimum/maximum thermometer. Under the Alberta Vaccine Cold Chain Policy it is a requirement for AHS to ensure vaccines are being shipped to community providers that meet the policy requirements. For more information on Vaccine Storage and Handling refer to: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/alberta-vaccine-cold-chain-policy> and <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page14001.aspx>

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