

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 2019-2020 is well underway. As of November 9, 2019 936,675 doses of influenza vaccine have been administered in Alberta.

Influenza data for the 2019-2020 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 November 9, 2019:

- AHS Public Health have provided 175,718 doses
- Community Pharmacists have provided 657,775 doses
- Other Providers* have provided 103,182

*includes AHS Non-Public Health sites, Long Term Care sites, Community Physicians, AHS Workplace Health and Safety, Covenant Health Occupational Health and Safety and First Nation Inuit Health Branch)

Influenza Immunization Recommendations for Adult and Pediatric Patients Undergoing Cancer Treatment

For information on the best time to immunize patients undergoing cancer treatment see the updated guidelines at: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cancer/if-hp-cancer-guide-supp002-vaccination.pdf>

2019-2020 Influenza Program Reporting

AHS must account to Alberta Health (AH) for all doses of influenza vaccine distributed to immunizing partners and report on vaccine utilization and immunization rates. All immunizing partners, in turn must provide accurate accounting of doses administered using forms provided by their AHS Zone Contact. Doses must be accounted for before additional vaccine will be sent.

Report forms accounting for number of influenza doses administered, wasted and on hand will be due to your AHS Zone Contact on a monthly basis.

- Zone specific reporting forms are posted on the AHS website at: www.albertahealthservices.ca/2824.asp
- Community providers will have the option of submitting the reporting form via email or fax to their AHS Zone Contact.
- Monthly reporting due dates will be indicated on the zone specific report form.

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