

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 almost over. As of **March 21, 2020**, 1,426,778 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 March 21, 2020:

- Alberta Health Services Public Health have provided 307,669 doses
- Community Pharmacists have provided 877,702 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) have provided 241,407 doses

End of Program & Remaining Doses of Influenza Vaccine

The 2019-2020 Influenza Immunization Program is scheduled to end on March 31, 2020. Children less than 9 years of age requiring a second dose of vaccine can access vaccine through Public Health until April 30, 2020. Remaining doses of influenza vaccine should be disposed of in an appropriate biohazard container in your office/clinic at the end of the program on March 31, 2020. You will be required to record this vaccine in the Alberta Vaccine Inventory (AVI) system as Category: Wasted, Reason: Wasted/Influenza Season End. In addition, record this vaccine as wasted on your vaccine specific reporting forms.

2020-2021 Influenza Program Planning

Planning for the 2020-2021 Influenza Immunization Program has begun:

- The vaccine product for the provincially funded program will be a quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine for all persons 6 month of age and older.
- Immunizing partners will need to complete the Influenza Program Registration Form, which will require contact information and details related to vaccine refrigerator and minimum/maximum thermometer. This form will be posted to the AHS Influenza Immunization website in late summer/early fall 2020.

Reminder: Final Influenza Monthly Report

The Final Report for the 2019-2020 Influenza Immunization Program is due Thursday April 9, 2020. It is important to account for all influenza vaccine doses that your clinic/site ordered as this will affect the number of doses you will be able to order for next year.

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