

[Influenza Immunization Program Update](#)

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.

Outreach influenza immunization services for high-risk Albertans is anticipated to begin the week of October 15, 2019, with the public influenza program anticipated to begin the week of October 21, 2019. Vaccine availability dates are later than last season due to delays in the influenza virus strain selection by the World Health Organization, which has caused interruptions in availability of supply. Depending on vaccine availability and provider capacity, there may be some variation as to when influenza immunization services will be available in the initial week of public clinics. Immunizing high-risk Albertans through Outreach Programs will take priority over public clinics.

In addition to Public Health, provincially funded influenza vaccine is available through community pharmacists as well as other health practitioners who register with their Alberta Health Services (AHS) Zone Contact.

In order to receive influenza vaccine:

- Fill out the *Influenza Vaccine Provider Registration Form* which will be available on the Alberta Health Services website in early September; it can be accessed on the website at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/influenza/Page12438.aspx> or may be faxed to your site by your Zone Contact. The *Influenza Vaccine Provider Registration Form* contains a request for vaccine storage information. This section must be completed and then the form can be submitted by fax or email to your Zone Contact.
- You will receive confirmation of program enrolment through the *2019-2020 Medical Officer of Health Influenza Immunization Program Letter*. This letter will outline all aspects of the 2019-2020 program. Influenza vaccine order sets will be added to the vaccine inventory system, AVI, as providers are accepted.
- Planning and resource documents for the Influenza Immunization Program for 2019-2020 can be found at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/influenza/Page12438.aspx>

[Influenza Vaccine for the 2019-2020 Program](#)

Each year, Alberta Health (AH – the provincial Ministry of Health) selects vaccine on the basis of effectiveness data, National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendations, epidemiological data, product usage and interchangeability, procurement and budgetary considerations. Based on the review AH has purchased the following vaccines for this season's publicly funded program:

Fluzone® and Flulaval®, both quadrivalent vaccines are licensed for all individuals 6 months of age and older including pregnant women.

[2019-2020 Influenza Program Reporting](#)

Report forms accounting for number of influenza doses administered, wasted and on hand should be sent to your Zone Contact on a monthly basis. This is a requirement in order to continue ordering vaccine.

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 Zone Contact.

Monthly reporting due dates will be indicated on the zone specific report form.

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