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Influenza Vaccine Now Available for High-Risk Groups Only

The **Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIV)** and **High-Dose Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (High-Dose TIV)** can now be ordered for **high-risk groups or those capable of transmitting influenza to high-risk groups**. These include:

1. Individuals at high-risk of influenza-related complications or may require hospitalization:
 - All pregnant women
 - People who are residents of long-term care (LTC) and retirement homes or other chronic care facilities
 - People ≥ 65 years of age
 - All children 6 to 59 months of age
 - Indigenous peoples
 - Adults or children 6 months of age and over with chronic health conditions:
 - cardiac or pulmonary disorders
 - diabetes mellitus or other metabolic disease
 - cancer
 - conditions or taking medication which compromise the immune system
 - renal disease
 - anemia or hemoglobinopathy
 - neurologic or neurodevelopmental conditions
 - morbid obesity (body mass index of ≥ 40)
 - children and adolescents (6 months to 18 years) undergoing treatment with acetylsalicylic acid for long periods
2. Individuals capable of transmitting influenza to those in #1 and/or to infants < 6 months:
 - Health care workers and other care providers in facilities and community settings
 - Household contacts of individuals at high-risk of influenza related complications
 - Persons who provide care to children ≤ 59 months of age
 - Those who provide services within a closed setting to persons at high-risk (e.g., crew on a ship)
3. Swine and poultry industry workers

To place an order for your high-risk groups, submit your completed order form (attached) and your temperature logs with at least 7 days of temperatures. Keep in mind the **size of your fridge** when placing an order and allow **4 business days** for orders to be processed before picking up. Sites are NOT notified when the order is ready. Subsequent orders of influenza vaccine require a copy of your vaccine fridge temperature logs since the date of the previous monthly vaccine order.

General Influenza Vaccine Information

Influenza immunization of the general population is estimated to **begin in early November**, at which time **additional** influenza vaccine orders can be placed. **High-risk groups should remain the priority for vaccination.** A subsequent FAX About will be sent to indicate when health care providers can start ordering for the general population.

Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines for Durham Region (2019/2020)

	Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIV)		High-Dose Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (HD -TIV)
Vaccine product	FluLaval Tetra	Fluzone® Quadrivalent	Fluzone® High-Dose
Micrograms of haemagglutinin	15 µg	15 µg	60 µg
Dose	0.5 ml	0.5 ml	0.5 ml
Route	Intramuscular injection	Intramuscular injection	Intramuscular injection
Age indication	≥ 6 months	≥ 6 months	≥ 65 years
Most common allergens	Egg protein* Thimerosal**	Egg protein* Thimerosal**	Egg protein*

*NACI indicates that egg-allergic individuals may be vaccinated against influenza using the full dose of any appropriate product, including High-Dose TIV

**Thimerosal present in multidose vials

- Fluzone® High-Dose contains a higher antigen content and is authorized for those 65 years of age and over. It will be available through primary care providers, participating hospitals, LTC and retirement home. **Fluzone® High-Dose is not available through pharmacies.**
- Nasal spray vaccine (FluMist® Quadrivalent) is **not available** in Canada for the 2019/2020 influenza season.
- Children 6 months to less than 9 years of age receiving any seasonal influenza vaccine for the first time in their life should be given **2 doses of vaccine**, with a minimum interval of 4 weeks between doses.

For further information about the 2019/2020 influenza season, please visit the Ministry of Health website at ontario.ca/influenza.

Health care provider resources now available to order online durham.ca/HCP.

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711, 1-800-841-2729

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If you prefer to receive this information in an electronic format please submit your request to healthresources@durham.ca

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