



# Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



## Influenza Vaccine is now Available for Everyone

The Influenza vaccine is now available for everyone in Durham Region.

**Doses will be allocated to sites based on usage from the 2020/2021 Influenza season. Orders may be reduced or substituted due to stock availability.**

The influenza order form is available on [www.durham.ca/HCP](http://www.durham.ca/HCP). Submit your completed order form and your temperature logs from the date of previous vaccine order (or 7 days if participating in the Universal Influenza Immunization Program). Keep in mind the **size of your fridge** and ensure to maintain **no more than one-month supply of vaccine** when placing an order.

Healthcare providers will be contacted directly by Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) and notified when their influenza vaccine order is available to be picked up. When **picking up a vaccine order, call Health Reception and advise of your arrival**; COVID-19 screening is mandatory prior to receiving all vaccine orders. Influenza vaccine is only available for pick up at our **Whitby** location.

**Health Reception (West Entrance):** 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby. 905-668-7711 ext. 3131

### General Influenza Vaccine Information

Influenza vaccine is recommended for anyone over the age of 6 months without contraindications.

#### Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines for Durham Region (2021/2022)

	Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine(QIV)		
Vaccine product	FluLaval Tetra	Fluzone® Quadrivalent	Flucelvax® Quad
Micrograms of haemagglutinin	15 µg	15 µg	15 µg
Dose	0.5 ml	0.5 ml	0.5 ml
Route	Intramuscular injection	Intramuscular injection	Intramuscular injection
Age indication	≥ 6 months	≥ 6 months	≥ 2 years
Most common allergens	Egg protein* Thimerosal**	Egg protein* Thimerosal**	Does NOT contain egg protein or thimerosal

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## Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines for Durham Region (2021/2022) – cont'd

	High-Dose Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIV-HD)	Adjuvanted Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (TIV-adj)
Vaccine product	Fluzone® High-Dose Quadrivalent	Fluad®
Micrograms of haemagglutinin	60 µg	15 µg
Dose	<b>0.7 ml</b>	0.5 ml
Route	Intramuscular injection	Intramuscular injection
Age indication	≥ 65 years	≥ 65 years
Most common allergens	Egg protein*	Egg protein* Kanamycin Neomycin

\*National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) indicates that egg-allergic individuals may be vaccinated against influenza using the full dose of any age-appropriate product

\*\*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, pharmacies, participating hospitals, LTC and retirement homes.
- Nasal spray vaccine (FluMist® Quadrivalent) is not publicly funded this influenza season, however will be available through private purchase.
- 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.
- DRHD receives influenza vaccine from the Ontario Government Pharmacy in several shipments and you may receive either Quadrivalent (QIV) influenza vaccine based on supply (FluLaval® Tetra or Fluzone® Quadrivalent). Pharmacies may receive Afluria Tetra®.
- Plan large immunization clinics in November to ensure there is enough vaccine to order.
- **Pharmacies participating in the Universal Influenza Immunization Program can administer influenza vaccine to individuals 2 years of age and over.** Influenza vaccine will be available at local pharmacies to support accessibility.

### Important Notes!

- Fluzone® Quadrivalent (QIV) and Fluzone® High-Dose Quadrivalent (QIV-HD) are **different** products. QIV-HD contains a higher antigen content for all four strains. Use caution when administering Fluzone® products to ensure that the right vaccine is being administered to the right person.
- NACI recommends that all seasonal influenza vaccines, including live-attenuated influenza vaccine, may be given at the same time as, or at any time before or after administration of other vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines.

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Do not delay vaccination to wait for a particular product. The QIV, QIV-HD and TIV-adj all protect against influenza, and the most important thing is for eligible individuals to be vaccinated. NACI states that any of the available age-appropriate influenza vaccines should be used. There is no preferential recommendation for the use of QIV-HD versus TIV-adj vaccine for the 65+ age group.

DRHD has a **limited supply of High-Dose Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIV-HD) and Adjuvanted Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (TIV-adj)** for distribution to health care providers. The Ministry of Health (MOH) is providing the vaccine to pharmacies to ensure both health care providers and pharmacies have stock available. If the QIV-HD or TIV-adj is unavailable in primary care offices due to reduced supply, individuals should receive QIV or obtain the QIV-HD or TIV-adj at a local pharmacy. A list of Durham Region pharmacies participating in the Universal Influenza Immunization Program is available at [durham.ca/flu](https://durham.ca/flu).

For further information about the 2021/2022 influenza season, please visit the MOH website at [ontario.ca/influenza](https://ontario.ca/influenza).

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