

SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION 2019

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS and
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Please distribute to all doctors and staff in your practice

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1. Five **age-specific** influenza vaccines will be available free of charge to eligible people under government programs in 2019.
2. Before administering influenza vaccine, **please check you have the correct vaccine for the person's age.**
3. A comprehensive **Influenza Vaccination Program 2019 Provider Toolkit** is available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/

Ordering influenza vaccine

- Influenza vaccine may be pre-ordered now online at: <https://nsw.tollhealthcare.com/>
- Ring the State Vaccine Centre on 1300 656 132 if you have not already registered for online ordering.
- Deliveries of influenza vaccine will commence when vaccine becomes available in mid-April 2019.
- **Providers may schedule flu vaccination clinics once supplies are received.**

Vaccine eligibility

- In 2019, four quadrivalent influenza vaccines (QIVs) and one higher immunogenicity trivalent influenza vaccine (TIV) are available under the National Immunisation Program and NSW state program. **Please note the appropriate age indications for each vaccine.**

	FluQuadri Junior (0.25mL)	FluQuadri (0.5mL)	Fluarix Tetra (0.5mL)	Afluria Quad (0.5mL)	Fluad (0.5mL)
6 - 35 months	✓	✗	✗ [£]	✗	✗
3-4 years	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
5 years and older	✗	✓	✓	✓*	✗
65 years and older	✗	✓#	✓#	✓#	✓

* Note new age indication for Afluria Quad

£ Note: an application is before the March meeting of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) to change the age indication to 6 months and older

QIVs can be used for adults aged 65 years and older but the higher immunogenicity TIV is recommended in preference

Further Information

- NSW Health Influenza website www.health.nsw.gov.au/flu
- Contact your local Public Health Unit on **1300 066 055**

Yours sincerely

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