



Durham Region Health Department **FAX about...**

For Health Care Professionals



Influenza Vaccine Now Available for High-Risk Groups Only

The influenza vaccine is now available to order for the following high-risk individuals and priority populations:

- Pregnant individuals
- Residents, staff, and care providers of congregate living settings
- Individuals 65 years of age and older
- Children 6 months to 4 years of age
- Individuals in or from a First Nations, Inuit, or Métis community
- Members of underserved communities
- Healthcare workers and first responders
- Individuals with significant exposure to birds or mammals (poultry, livestock slaughterhouse, processing plant workers, wildlife officers/researchers, and veterinarians)
- Individuals 6 months of age and older with the following underlying health conditions:
 - Cardiac or pulmonary disorders
 - Diabetes mellitus or other metabolic disease
 - Cancer or renal disease
 - Conditions or medications which compromise the immune system
 - Anemia or hemoglobinopathy
 - Neurologic or neurodevelopmental conditions
 - Class 3 obesity (BMI ≥ 40)
 - Children and adolescents (6 months to 18 years) undergoing treatment with acetylsalicylic acid for long periods

Co-Administration

Influenza vaccines may be given at the same time, or at any time before or after other vaccines, including COVID-19 and/or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines, or RSV monoclonal antibody products. It is recommended to administer the vaccines in separate limbs or separate the injection sites by at least 2.5 cm (1 inch). Different immunization equipment (needle and syringe) must be used for each vaccine.

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Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines Available to Order

Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (TIV)			
Vaccine Product	Fluviral	Fluzone®	Flucelvax®
Manufacturer	GSK	Sanofi Pasteur	Seqirus
Dose/Route	0.5 mL (15 mcg) / IM	0.5 mL (15 mcg) / IM	0.5 mL (15 mcg) / IM
Format	MDV	MDV and PFS	PFS
Age Indication	6 months of age and older	6 months of age and older	6 months of age and older
Most Common Allergens	^a Egg protein, ^b Thimerosal, Formaldehyde	^a Egg protein, ^b Thimerosal, Formaldehyde	Does NOT contain ^a Egg protein, ^b Thimerosal, or Formaldehyde

	High-Dose Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (TIV-HD)	Adjuvanted Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (TIV-adj)
Vaccine Product	Fluzone® High-Dose	Fluad®
Manufacturer	Sanofi Pasteur	Seqirus
Dose/Route	0.5 mL (60 mcg) / IM	0.5 mL (15 mcg) / IM
Format	PFS	PFS
Age Indication	65 years of age and older	65 years of age and older
Most Common Allergens	^a Egg protein, Formaldehyde	^a Egg protein, Kanamycin, Neomycin, Formaldehyde

MDV = Multi-dose vial PFS = Pre-filled syringe IM = Intramuscular injection

^a Egg-allergic individuals may be vaccinated against influenza using the full dose of **any** age-appropriate product.

^bThimerosal is present in multidose vials format only.

- Fluzone® and Fluzone® High-Dose are **different products**. Fluzone® High-Dose is authorized **only** for individuals aged 65 years and older. Use caution when administering Fluzone® products.
- For the 2026/2027 influenza season, all Ontario flu vaccines are trivalent vaccines.
- Do not delay vaccination for a particular vaccine product.
- Health care providers should report any adverse event which may be related to receipt of a vaccine, as outlined in [Public Health Ontario's AEFI Reporting fact sheet](#) (durham.ca/hcp >Tools >AEFI).

Ordering

- To order, use the [Online Seasonal Vaccine Order Form](#) (durham.ca/hcp > Forms > Order).
- Vaccine order notifications will be sent by **email**. Orders will be ready for **pick-up within 7–10 business days**. **To prevent delays during pick up, please ensure your vaccine cooler is prepared according to [vaccine storage and handling guidelines](#).**
- Do not book appointments prior to receiving the influenza vaccine and **wait until early November before conducting large-scale clinics** to ensure supply of vaccine is available to meet clinic demands.

For more information on the 2026-2027 influenza season, including Healthcare Provider Fact Sheets, visit durham.ca/hcp, and <https://www.ontario.ca/page/universal-influenza-immunization-program>.

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