

SUBJECT: 2024-2025 Universal Influenza Immunization Program/COVID-19 - Vaccine Distribution

Date: September 10, 2024

Pages: 3 (plus attached weekly vaccine order form)

To: Physicians, Hospitals, Long-Term Care and Prequalified Retirement Homes

From: Rita Isley, Vice President, Community Health & Wellness & CNO

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health (WDG Public Health) will be distributing its first provincial allotment of Influenza vaccine the week of October 7, 2024.

The Influenza vaccine will be prioritized in the following order: long term care homes, retirement homes, hospitals and primary care providers. Please place your order as soon as you know when your clinics will be held.

Please order enough influenza vaccine to meet your needs until the week of October 28, 2024, when WDG Public Health expects to receive our second shipment. COVID-19 vaccine distribution is anticipated to begin early October – details to follow.

Influenza and COVID- 19 vaccination should be offered to all patients over the age of six months.

Influenza Vaccine Viral Strain Components for the 2024-2025 Season

Quadrivalent Inactivated influenza Vaccine (IIV4-SD/IIV4-HD)	Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (IIV3-Adj)
<p>Egg-based vaccines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus; • an A/Thailand/8/2022 (H3N2)-like virus; • a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus; and • a B/Phuket/3073/2013 (B/Yamagata lineage)-like virus. <p>Cell culture- or recombinant-based vaccines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus; • an A/Massachusetts/18/2022 (H3N2)-like virus; • a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus; and • a B/Phuket/3073/2013 (B/Yamagata lineage)-like virus. 	<p>Egg-based vaccines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus; • an A/Thailand/8/2022 (H3N2)-like virus; and • a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus. <p>Cell culture- or recombinant-based vaccines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus; • an A/Massachusetts/18/2022 (H3N2)-like virus; and • a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus.

Available influenza vaccine distributed by the Ministry:

Product	New Product Abbreviation	Dosage	Packaging	Licensed Ages for Use
Flulaval Tetra	IIV4-SD (Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine-standard dose)	0.5ml	Multi-dose vial 10 doses/vial	≥ 6 months of age
Fluzone Quadrivalent	IIV4-SD (Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine-standard dose)	0.5ml	10 single dose prefilled syringes or Multi dose vial	≥ 6 months of age
Fluzone High Dose	IIV4-HD (Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine-high dose)	0.7ml	5 single dose prefilled syringes	≥65 years
Fluad®	IIV3-Adj (Adjuvanted Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine)	0.5ml	10 single dose prefilled syringes	≥65 years

Important Notes:

Fluzone® Quadrivalent and Fluzone® High-Dose Quadrivalent are different products. Fluzone® High-Dose Quadrivalent is only authorized for those 65 years of age and older. Please use caution when administering Fluzone® products to ensure that the right vaccine is being administered to the right person.

Fluzone® High-Dose Quadrivalent and Fluad® will be available through physicians and primary care providers, participating pharmacies and retirement homes, LTCHs and hospitals.

FluMist® will not be publicly funded for the 2024/2025 influenza season.

COVID-19 Vaccine

It is anticipated that COVID-19 vaccine will be available early October.

Available COVID-19 vaccine distributed by the Ministry:

Vaccine Product	Eligible Age Group	Doses / Vial	Vials / Pack	Package Dimensions
				cm (L x W x H)
Pfizer KP.2	12 years +	6	10	9.5 x 3.5 x 4.5
Moderna KP.2	6 months +	5	10	5.4 x 13.8 x 6.1

This fall, please consider offering your patients a COVID-19 booster and a flu shot at the same visit.¹ These vaccines can be administered simultaneously (i.e., same day) or at any time before or after one another. This guidance applies to everyone over the age of six months and is intended to reduce barriers to receiving all recommended vaccines.

Once the Ministry of Health announces its fall COVID-19 immunization program, WDGPH will communicate details about the new vaccine.

Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering:

To order vaccine for your office please use the [WDG Public Health Vaccine Portal](#) (influenza only) OR fax a [completed Vaccine Order Form](#) to **519-823-4903**.

References:

1. Government of Canada. Timing of Vaccine Administration: Canadian Immunization Guide, accessed September 9, 2024. Available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-1-key-immunization-information/page-10-timing-vaccine-administration.html#p1c9a4>

For more information, please contact:

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Contact: 519-822-2715 or 1-800-265-7293 ext. 2622

Website: www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca

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Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Order Form

Order Instructions

1. Review your current inventory and include number of doses in stock.
2. Fax this completed form to **519-823-4903**. Please include refrigerator temperature logs from the period of time since your last vaccine order.
3. Please place your order by noon every Thursday for delivery or pick-up the following week.
4. If you have questions about this order, please contact your Vaccine and Medication Administrator:

Guelph area: 519-822-2715 ext: 4170

Wellington and Dufferin area: 519-822-2715 ext: 2622

Order Information	
Healthcare Provider:	
Address:	
Ordered By:	Date:
Phone Number:	Fax:

Shipping Instructions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Courier Client	PICK-UP (After 2 p.m. Tuesdays): <input type="checkbox"/> Fergus <input type="checkbox"/> Guelph <input type="checkbox"/> Orangeville

Pick-Up Instructions

1. Please ensure you arrive with the appropriate packing material when picking up vaccine.
2. Orders for pickup must be transported using a hard-sided cooler, 2 water blankets, 4 ice packs & a thermometer. If you have questions on how to pack a vaccine cooler, please contact your Vaccine and Medication Administrator.

Vaccine Order Details			
Influenza Vaccine	Eligibility	Doses in Stock	Doses Requested
IIV4-SD *FlulavalTetra/Fluzone/	6 months and older		
IIV4-HD Fluzone High-Dose	65 years and older		
IIV3-Adj Fluad	65 years and older		

NOTE: Those 65 years of age and older have the option of receiving either Fluzone High-Dose (IIV4-HD), Fluad (IIV3-Adj), or Quadrivalent (IIV4-SD). Please note that due to initial supply of vaccine, orders may be adjusted.

COVID Vaccine	Eligibility	Doses in Stock	Doses Requested
Moderna KP.2.	6 months +		
Pfizer KP.2.	12 years +		