2021-2022 Influenza Season Availability and Ordering

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Requirements for Ordering

Maine Immunization Program (MIP) providers must meet the minimum requirements for ordering influenza vaccine:

- Approved 2021 Provider Agreement
- Current ImmPact User Agreement
- Current submission of temperature logs
- Current reconciliation of inventory

Eligibility

MIP will be supplying seasonal influenza vaccine for all the following groups:

- VFC eligible children 6mo-18yr
- Privately insured Maine residents 6mo-18yr

MIP will NOT be offering seasonal influenza vaccine to the following:

- Privately insured out of state residents 6mo-18yr
- Adults 19+

Seasonal Influenza Schedule

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for persons 6 months of age and older. Some children will need 2 doses of influenza vaccine in the same season.

2 Doses of influenza vaccine:

- Children 6mo-8yrs who have never received seasonal influenza vaccine or for whom vaccination history is unknown
- Children 6mo-8yrs of age who have not received at least 2 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine before July 1, 2021

1 Dose of influenza vaccine:

- Children 6mo-8yrs who have received at least 2 doses of seasonal influenza vaccine before July 1, 2021
- Children 9 years of age and older

Vaccine Presentations

MIP will be offering the following influenza vaccine presentations for the 2021-2022 season:

Inactivated Influenza

- FluLaval Quad 0.50mL prefilled syringe
- Fluzone Quad 0.50mL prefilled syringe

6mo-18yrs

0.50mL regardless of age (includes 6-35mo) 1000 maximum orders

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FluLaval, Fluzone, and FluMist all contain traces of egg product.

What is the latest ACIP guidance on influenza vaccination and egg allergy?

ACIP recommends that people with a history of egg allergy who have experienced only hives after exposure to egg should receive influenza vaccine without specific precautions (except a 15-minute observation period for syncope). Any age-appropriate vaccine may be used. For people who report having had an anaphylactic reaction to egg (more severe than hives), if a vaccine other than Flucelvax Quadrivalent (ccIIV, Seqirus) or Flublok Quadrivalent (RIV4, Sanofi Pasteur) is given, the vaccine should be administered in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting supervised by a healthcare provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic conditions. Although not specifically recommended by ACIP, providers may prefer administering an age-appropriate egg-free vaccine (ccIIV4 or RIV4) for patients with severe egg allergy.

A previous severe allergic reaction to influenza vaccine, regardless of the component suspected to be responsible for the reaction, is a contraindication to future receipt of the vaccine. For a complete list of vaccine components (i.e., excipients and culture media) used in the production of the vaccine, check the package insert (available at www.immunize.org/fda) or go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/excipient-table-2.pdf.

For more details about giving influenza vaccine to people with a history of egg allergy, see the ACIP guidance at <u>www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/rr/pdfs/rr6908a1-H.pdf</u>. You also may find the IAC handout "Influenza Vaccination of People with a History of Egg Allergy" helpful (see <u>www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3094.pdf</u>).

COVID-19/Influenza Coadministration

COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may be administered without regard to timing.

This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines on the same day, as well as coadministration within 14 days.

Influenza Wastage

MIP discourages vaccine wastage. In order to minimize seasonal influenza wastage:

- Do not place an order for the entire season
- Order for 6 weeks on hand
- Providers can place frequent, smaller orders if temperatures and reconciliation are UTD

REMINDER– all documentation must be entered into ImmPact within 5 days of administration

NEW VIS Form

The seasonal influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) has been revised. The current date is now August 6, 2021.

Please visit: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-</u> <u>statements/flu.pdf</u>



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