

Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program 2019 - 2020 Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccine Distribution

The official start date of the Ministry's 2019-20 Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program is October 21, 2019.

NOTE: Due to the late sharing of required strain information from the World Health Organization to manufacturers, there is a national delay in the arrival of influenza vaccines across the country. Saskatchewan will receive 93% of its standard dose influenza vaccine order by October 30, 2019 and additional doses in early December.

There will be sufficient vaccine for pharmacists and all other providers to start immunization clinics on October 21, 2019.

The publicly funded vaccine products provided to participating pharmacies in Saskatchewan and Lloydminster, Alberta under the Program are:

- FluLaval® Tetra multidose vials (DIN 02420783); and
- Fluzone® Quadrivalent multidose vials (DIN 02432730).

The cost of the vaccine and its distribution is paid by the Ministry.

In June 2019, the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) asked pharmacies to register for participation in the 2019-20 Program. A list of registered pharmacies has been provided to the two Saskatchewan wholesalers—McKesson Canada and Kohl & Frisch Ltd.

The order numbers for the publicly funded vaccine multidose vials are:

| Vaccine | DIN | Order Numbers | | Available for distribution at Program start date? |
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| | | McKesson Canada | Kohl & Frisch Ltd. | |
| FluLaval® Tetra | 02420783 | 143341 | 158636 | No |
| Fluzone® Quadrivalent | 02432730 | 143341 | 158646 | Yes |

Pharmacies will order the vaccine directly from the participating wholesaler that is their primary supplier or with whom they have an existing account. Pharmacies can order the vaccine through their usual ordering process and can expect next day delivery in the same pattern they currently receive their regular orders from their wholesaler. **Pharmacies will not be able to order vaccine from both wholesalers.**

The vaccine orders of all providers including physicians, pharmacists and public health are being limited at this time. We are working with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, pharmacists and First Nations jurisdictions to minimize any potential impacts. **The daily order maximum is 7 units = 70 doses.** The amount of vaccine ordered must reflect realistic anticipated demand. Each week, DPEBB will compare vaccine doses distributed to each pharmacy with the vaccine doses administered by that pharmacy to prevent stockpiling of the vaccine. Stockpiling prevents vaccine from being available when needed by all vaccine providers across the Province.

Note: pharmacists cannot administer publicly funded influenza vaccine before the official start date of the program on October 21, 2019.

Pharmacies can confirm they are on the list of registered pharmacies by checking the list posted on:

- the **Influenza Immunization Program tab** on the online Formulary <http://formulary.drugplan.ehealthsask.ca/InfluenzaImmunizationProgram>; or
- the **Find a Pharmacy tab** on the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals website <https://saskpharm.ca/company/roster/companyRosterView.html?companyRosterId=19>.

First Point of Contact

For any questions related to **FLU VACCINE SUPPLY or SHIPPING**, your First Point of Contact is Wayne Stewart or Arlene Kuntz from DPEBB at 1-800-667-7581 or in Regina at 306-787-3317.

For questions related to **DAILY ORDER LIMITS**, including ordering vaccine quantities in excess of the daily limits for an influenza immunization clinic at a pharmacy, contact DPEBB at 1-800-667-7581 or in Regina at 306-787-3317.

For questions related to **REGISTRATION OF A PHARMACY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM**, contact DPEBB at 1-800-667-7581 or in Regina at 306-787-3317, or by email at dpebimmunizations@health.gov.sk.ca.

For questions related to **ORDERING AND SHIPPING OF PUBLICLY FUNDED INFLUENZA VACCINE**, contact the order desk at the Wholesaler used by the pharmacy.

- McKesson Canada Order Desk: 1-800-667-9299.
- Kohl & Frisch Ltd Order Desk: 1-800-821-8777.