

## 2019-2020 VFC & ADULT IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

### Flu (Influenza) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Who should get the influenza vaccine?**  
The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends all persons aged 6 months and older receive influenza (flu) vaccine each year.
- When should we start vaccinating for influenza?**  
Begin vaccinating for influenza as soon as you receive your vaccine doses and continue to vaccinate throughout the spring. Vaccinate babies as soon as they turn 6 months old.
- Which Flu vaccines will be available through the Nebraska Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program?**

<u>Brand</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Age Indication</u>	<u>Preservative Free</u>
Fluzone Quadrivalent 49281-0519-25	Sanofi	<b>0.25 mL</b> single-dose prefilled syringe	6 months through 35 months	Yes (P-Free)
Fluzone Quadrivalent 49281-0419-50	Sanofi	<b>0.5 mL</b> single-dose prefilled syringe	6 months and older	Yes (P-Free)
Fluzone Quadrivalent 49281-0419-50	Sanofi	<b>0.5 mL</b> multi-dose vial	6 months and older	No
FluLaval- Quadrivalent 19515-0906-52	GSK	<b>0.5 mL</b> single-dose prefilled syringe	6 months and older	Yes (P-Free)
FluLaval- Quadrivalent 19515-0897-11	GSK	<b>0.5 mL</b> multi-dose vial	6 months and older	No
FluMist – Quadrivalent 66019-0306-10 <a href="#">Please read CDC and ACIP LAIV recommendations</a>	AstraZeneca	<b>0.5 mL</b> single-dose intranasal sprayer	24 months through 49 years	Yes (P-Free)

Be aware the VIS for Influenza has been updated to 8/15/19

**4. Who is eligible for VFC vaccine?**

VFC vaccine is for those aged 18 years and younger who are uninsured, Medicaid eligible, American Indians or Alaskan Natives, or are underinsured. Underinsured children must be served at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Center (RHC) or a deputized Public Immunization Clinic.

**5. Which Flu vaccines will be available through the Nebraska ADULT Immunization Program?**

<u>Brand</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Age Indication</u>	<u>Preservative Free</u>
Fluzone Quadrivalent 49281-0419-10	Sanofi	0.5 mL multi-dose vial (MDV)	36 months and older	Yes (P-Free)
Fluarix Quadrivalent 58160-0896-52	GSK	0.5 mL single-dose syringe	6 months and older	Yes (P-Free)
Flucelvax Quadrivalent 70461-0319-03	Seqirus USA	0.5 mL single-dose syringe	4 years and older	Yes (P-Free)

**6. Who is eligible for Adult Immunization Program (AIP) vaccine?**

Nebraska Adult Immunization Program vaccine is for those aged 19 years and older who are uninsured or underinsured.

**7. When is the flu season?**

The flu season begins now. It usually peaks in January or February, but can occur earlier or later. Early immunization is the most effective, but it is not too late to get the vaccine in December, January, or beyond.

**8. We have run out of influenza vaccine. Can we borrow flu vaccine from other private stock or other public stock?**

No. The Federal Government does not allow borrowing of flu doses between private and other public stock (VFC or AIP). This includes **no** borrowing between the VFC and AIP programs. This is due to the fact that the program may not be able to replace the same type of flu product or replace within the same flu season. To receive more vaccine, place an order in NESIIS.

**9. How much influenza (flu) vaccine can I order?**

In February 2019 VFC & Adult Immunization Program providers reserved flu vaccine for the 2019-2020 season. Vaccine allocation is necessary because the Nebraska Immunization Program receives the flu vaccine in allotments. You can check to see which presentation you have pre-booked and how many doses you pre-booked, by selecting “pre-booking summary” under the “Inventory” category in NESIIS.

**10. What if we are not going to use all of our flu vaccine we have pre-booked?**

By January 1, 2020 if you have not ordered all doses of the flu vaccines allocated to your clinic, we will release the rest of your doses which will be placed in a pool and re-distributed.

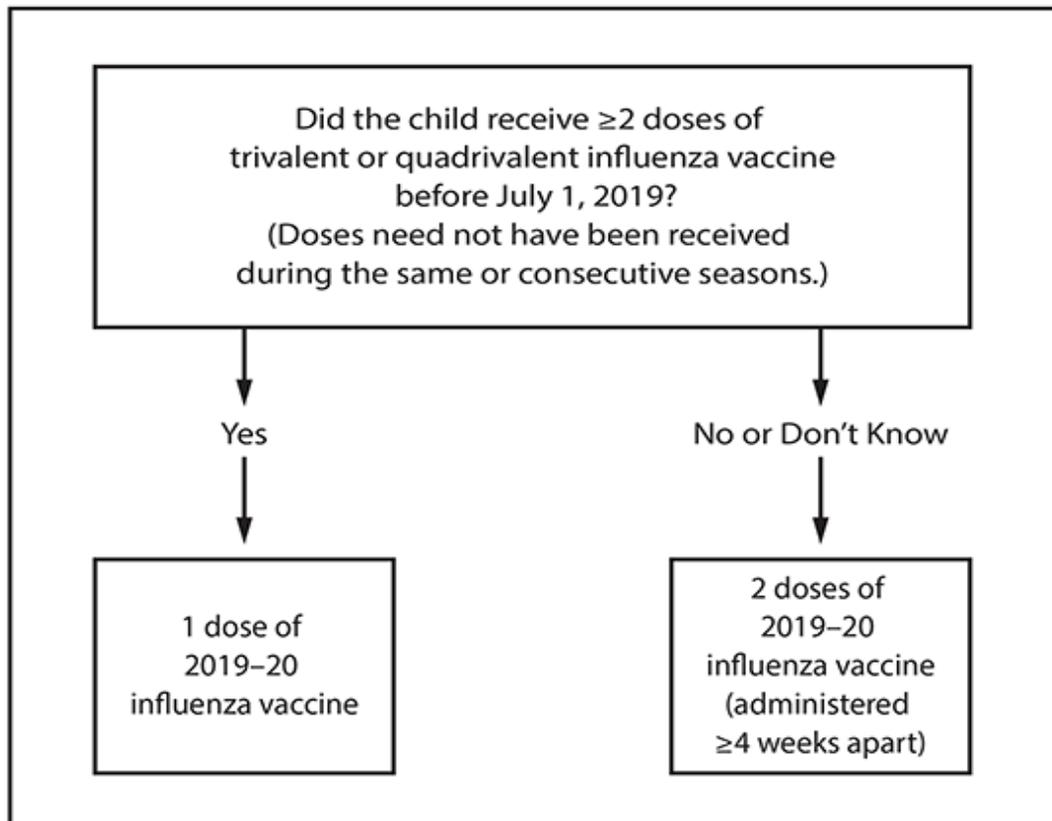
**11. Can I get more flu vaccine doses than I pre-booked?**

After January 1, 2020 un-allocated doses of flu vaccine will be placed back into a pool and you may request more at that time. There may also be doses available prior to January 1, 2020 so feel free to place your order and orders will be filled if vaccine is available.

**12. Do some children need two doses of influenza vaccine?**

Yes, children aged 6 months through 8 years who have previously received 2 doses of trivalent or quadrivalent influenza vaccine only require 1 dose of vaccine for 2019-2020. However, if they have **NOT** received two doses (or don't know) then they need 2 doses of vaccine separated by 4 weeks for the 2019-2020 season. Please refer to the 2019-2020 Influenza Vaccine Dosing Algorithm.

**FIGURE. Influenza vaccine dosing algorithm for children aged 6 months through 8 years\* — Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2019–20 influenza season**



\* For children aged 8 years who require 2 doses of vaccine, both doses should be administered even if the child turns age 9 years between receipt of dose 1 and dose 2.

## Additional CDC Information:

### Children 6 months through 8 years of age receiving two doses during the same flu season:

- ACIP recommends using the same manufacturer's vaccine for both doses when possible. If both Fluzone and FluLaval must be used, be sure to use the correct dosages, based on the vaccine and the child's age. (For example, a child between 6 and 35 months of age would receive a 0.5 mL dose of FluLaval **or** a 0.25 mL **or** a 0.5mL\* dose of Fluzone.)

**\*Remember, Fluzone 0.5mL dose is now approved to include children 6 months and older.**

- If a child receiving two doses of Fluzone during the same season gets a 0.25 mL dose for the first dose and then turns 36 months of age before the second dose is given, the second dose should be 0.5 mL.

### How should I use the different doses of Fluzone and FluLaval for infants and young children?

Two injectable flu vaccines are licensed for children 6 through 35 months of age – FluLaval and Fluzone.

The dosages for these two vaccines can be confusing:

- **Fluzone:**
  - The correct dose for children **6 through 35 months** is 0.25 mL.
  - or**
  - The correct dose for anyone **6 months and older** is 0.5 mL.
- **FluLaval**
- The correct dose is 0.5 mL, for ages **6 months and older**.

**Always administer the correct dose, based on the vaccine and the patient's age**

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

*Multi-Dose Vial: 5 mL:*

The manufacturer specifies that only **10 doses** may be withdrawn from their multi-dose vial.

### 13. Can a person with an egg allergy receive influenza vaccine in a public immunization clinic?

Public immunization clinics that do not have a physician on site will not be immunizing people with state supplied flu vaccine who have egg allergies. In the private clinic setting, it is up to the provider's medical discretion whether a patient should receive the vaccine.

### For the 2019-2020 influenza season, ACIP recommends the following:

“Persons with a history of egg allergy who have experienced only urticaria (hives) after exposure to egg should receive influenza vaccine. Any licensed, recommended influenza vaccine (i.e., any IIV, RIV4, or LAIV4) that is otherwise appropriate for the recipient's age health status may be used.”

“Persons who report having had reactions to egg involving symptoms other than urticaria (e.g., angioedema or swelling, respiratory distress, lightheadedness, or recurrent vomiting) or who required epinephrine or another emergency medical intervention, may similarly receive any licensed, recommended, influenza vaccine (i.e., any IIV, RIV4, or LAIV4) that is otherwise appropriate for their age and health status. The selected vaccine should be administered in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting (including but not necessarily limited to hospitals, clinics, health departments, and physician offices). Vaccine administration should be supervised by a health care provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic reactions.”

“A previous severe allergic reaction to influenza vaccine, regardless of the component suspected of being responsible for the reaction, is a contraindication to future receipt of the vaccine.”

**Recommended:**

**MMWR: Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2019–20 Influenza Season**

*Recommendations and Reports* / August 23, 2019 / 68(3); 1–21

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/rr/rr6803a1.htm>

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