

Intended Use of Influenza Vaccines

The influenza biological product pages provide guidance on the use of influenza vaccines that are publicly-funded in BC for the 2023/24 season: [FLUAD®](#), [FLULAVAL® TETRA](#), [FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT](#), [FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT](#) and [FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE QUADRIVALENT](#).

The intended use of these vaccines by age group of recipient for the 2023/24 season is as follows:

Age Group	Vaccine ^A	Comments
6-23 months of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLULAVAL® TETRA FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT 	
2-17 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLULAVAL® TETRA FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT 	
18-64 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLULAVAL® TETRA FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT may be offered to those 18-59 years of age who have needle phobia and are unwilling to get another influenza vaccine, provided informed consent includes that QIV provides better protection against influenza for this age group.
65 years of age and older residing in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLUAD® 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If FLUAD® is unavailable, FLULAVAL® TETRA or FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT should be used.
65 years of age and older who are residents of long-term care, assisted living facilities and First Nations communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE QUADRIVALENT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE QUADRIVALENT is unavailable, FLUAD® should be used. If neither of these products are available, another inactivated influenza vaccine may be used.

For information on other influenza vaccines available in Canada, please refer to the product monograph and the [NACI Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 2023-2024](#). Non-publicly funded influenza vaccines may be available for purchase at local pharmacies and travel clinics.

As it is expected that FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE QUADRIVALENT will be marketed to community-based seniors in BC, as in prior years, BCCDC has developed an [Influenza Vaccines for Adults 65 Years of Age and Older Question & Answer](#) document for health care providers.

^A Products in pre-filled syringes and FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT are thimerosal-free and should be used for individuals with a known hypersensitivity to thimerosal as per the age groups indicated in the table.