

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 2018/19 season: FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT, FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT, FLUVIRAL® and INFLUVAC®.

The intended use of these vaccines by age group of recipient for the 2018/19 season is as follows:

Age Group	Vaccine	Comments
6-23 months of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For children 6-23 months of age, FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT is the recommended product. If FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT is unavailable, FLUVIRAL® should be used.
2-17 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a quadrivalent product is unavailable, FLUVIRAL® or INFLUVAC® should be used. INFLUVAC® is approved for those 3 years of age and older.
18 years of age and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLUVIRAL® INFLUVAC® 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INFLUVAC® is a single dose thimerosal-free product and should be used for individuals with a known hypersensitivity to thimerosal. In the event of a surplus of FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT in the provider's inventory beyond that required for those under 18 years old, this vaccine may be provided to those 18 years of age and older.

For information on other influenza vaccines available in Canada, please refer to the product monograph and the [NACI Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 2018-2019](#). Non-publicly funded influenza vaccines can be purchased at local pharmacies and travel clinics.

As it is expected that FLUZONE® High-Dose will be marketed to seniors in BC, BCCDC has produced a [FLUZONE® High-Dose Influenza Vaccine Question & Answer](#) document for health care providers.