## 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 2020/21 season: FLULAVAL® TETRA, FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT, FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT, INFLUSPLIT® TETRA, FLUVIRAL®, AGRIFLU®, FLUAD® and FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE.

The intended use of these vaccines by age group of recipient for the 2020/21 season is as follows:

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<th>Age Group</th>
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| 6-23 months of age | • FLULAVAL® TETRA  
• FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT  
• INFLUSPLIT® TETRA | • For children 6-23 months of age, the quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccines are the recommended products. If these products are unavailable, FLUVIRAL® or AGRIFLU® should be used. |
| 2-17 years of age | • FLUMIST® QUADRIVALENT  
• FLULAVAL® TETRA  
• FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT  
• INFLUSPLIT® TETRA | • If a quadrivalent product is unavailable, FLUVIRAL® or AGRIFLU® should be used. |
| 18-64 years of age | • FLUVIRAL®  
• AGRIFLU®  
• INFLUSPLIT® TETRA | • In the event of a surplus of FLULAVAL® TETRA or FLUZONE® QUADRIVALENT in the provider’s inventory beyond that required for those under 18 years old, these vaccines may be provided to those 18 years of age and older. |
| 65 years of age and older | • FLUVIRAL®  
• FLUAD®  
• AGRIFLU®  
• INFLUSPLIT® TETRA | • In the event of a surplus of FLULAVAL® TETRA or FLUZONE® in the provider’s inventory beyond that required for those under 18 years old, these vaccines may be provided to those 65 years of age and older. |
| 65 years of age and older living in long term care and assisted living facilities | • FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE | • If FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE is unavailable, FLUVIRAL®, FLUAD® or AGRIFLU® should 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 2020-2021](#). Non-publicly funded influenza vaccines may be available for purchase at local pharmacies and travel clinics.

As it is expected that FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE will be marketed to community-based seniors in BC, as in prior years, BCCDC has produced and updated a [FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE Influenza Vaccine Question & Answer](#) document for health care providers.

^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.