

Influenza Immunization Program 2024-2025 Publicly-Funded Influenza Vaccine Distribution

The official start date of the Ministry of Health’s 2024-2025 Seasonal Influenza Immunization Program (SIIP) is **October 15, 2024**.

Pending vaccine availability, pharmacies may begin submitting claims as a soft-start to the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) for FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE and for AFLURIA® on **October 7, 2024**. The soft-start focus is to vaccinate individuals considered “high-risk” as per the Saskatchewan Influenza Immunization Policy (SIIP) <https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/Manuals/Documents/Saskatchewan%20Influenza%20Immunization%20Policy.pdf>.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) will begin administering influenza vaccine upon receipt of vaccine inventory. The SHA start date may not align with the soft-start dates in pharmacies. **The soft-start is not to be publicized.**

Influenza Vaccine

Publicly-funded vaccine products provided to participating pharmacies in Saskatchewan and Lloydminster, Alberta:

- AFLURIA® TETRA DIN 02473313 quadrivalent multi-dose vial (MDV)
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE QUADRIVALENT DIN 02500523 pre-filled syringe (PFS)

Order Numbers for Publicly Funded Vaccine

Vaccine	DIN	Description	Order Numbers		
			McKesson Canada	Kohl & Frisch Ltd. <small>NOTE: order numbers may change with new LOT numbers</small>	Shoppers Drug Mart (SDM)/Loblaw <small>NOTE: order numbers may change with new LOT numbers</small>
AFLURIA® TETRA QUADRIVALENT MDV	02473313	1 unit = 10 doses MAXIMUM ORDER QTY OF 7 UNITS (70 doses).	175142	168102	Ordering instructions will be provided by SDM.
FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE PFS *	02500523	1 unit = 5 Doses MAXIMUM ORDER QTY OF 10 UNITS (50 doses).	166790	168203	Ordering instructions will be provided by SDM.

**Only Saskatchewan residents age 65 years and older with a valid Health Services Card are eligible to receive this vaccine.*

Daily Order Maximums

- AFLURIA® (and all secondary vaccine supply) 7 UNITS (70 doses)
- FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE 10 UNITS (50 doses)

The amount of vaccine ordered must reflect realistic anticipated demand. Each week, the DPEBB will compare vaccine doses distributed to each pharmacy with the vaccine doses administered by that pharmacy to prevent stockpiling of the vaccine and to ensure equitable access in the province. If additional vaccine is required, pharmacies may contact the DPEBB to request an additional allocation at dpebimmunizations@health.gov.sk.ca.

Daily replenishment ordering will become available to all participating pharmacies on October 11, 2024.

Transferring Funded Influenza Vaccine

Pharmacies **must alert** the DPEBB if they transfer or receive any funded influenza vaccine between pharmacies for DPEBB inventory tracking purposes.

Vaccine Allocations

Pharmacies can anticipate their initial allocation of FLUZONE® HIGH-DOSE and AFLURIA® to arrive no later than Monday, October 7, 2024, pending no shipment delays to the wholesalers.

Personal Care Homes (PCH)

A list of pharmacies providing influenza vaccination services to PCHs will be provided to Public Health as indicated by pharmacies in the registration survey.

Wholesalers

A list of registered pharmacies and confirmed allocations have been provided to the three wholesalers that distribute to pharmacies in Saskatchewan: McKesson Canada, Kohl & Frisch Ltd., and Shoppers Drug Mart/Loblaw. This list will be used to ensure pharmacies ordering vaccine have been registered in the Program.

Registration Confirmation

Registered pharmacies will appear online at <https://formulary.drugplan.ehealthsask.ca/InfluenzaImmunizationProgram> the week of October 7, 2024. Pharmacies that have not registered will not be able to order funded influenza vaccine from wholesalers. Pharmacies wishing to register can email dpebimmunizations@health.gov.sk.ca.

COVID-19 Immunization Program

Information regarding the availability of COVID-19 vaccine will be provided to pharmacies as soon it is available.

Who To Contact

**REGISTRATION OF A PHARMACY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM;
INFLUENZA VACCINE SUPPLY; and/or
DAILY ORDER LIMITS (and requests exceeding daily limits for an influenza immunization clinic)**
Contact the DPEBB at dpebimmunizations@health.gov.sk.ca.

ORDERING AND SHIPPING OF PUBLICLY-FUNDED INFLUENZA VACCINE

Contact the appropriate wholesaler order desk:

- McKesson Canada Order Desk: 1-800-667-9299.
- Kohl & Frisch Ltd. Order Desk: 1-800-821-8777.
- Shoppers Drug Mart/Loblaw Pharmacies should order public flu vaccine using their pharmacy order management system.