



**Queensland Health Immunisation Program
Communicable Diseases Branch**

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**ANNUAL SEASONAL FUNDED INFLUENZA PROGRAM 2010
Information for Vaccine Service Providers**

Who is eligible to receive free influenza vaccine?

Please refer to the schedule provided for all categories of people eligible to receive influenza vaccine in 2010.

Influenza vaccine presentation and dosage to administer

Paediatric vaccine in prefilled syringes will be provided for children 6 months to 3 years. For all other age groups there will be 3 different brands of the vaccine. Further details about the vaccines will be provided closer to the start of the program.

AGE	DOSAGE	NO. OF DOSES
6 months up to 3 years of age	0.25 ml (paediatric presentation)	2 doses at least 1 month apart who are receiving influenza vaccine for the 1 st time. Subsequent year only 1 dose is required each year.
3 years to 9 years	0.5ml	
9 years and over	0.5ml	1

How to order influenza vaccine

- Queensland Health will generate the first delivery of influenza vaccine (including paediatric) – you do not need to place this order
- **Weekly ordering** for influenza vaccine will commence following the completion of all initial deliveries to service providers and will continue for the first 2 months of the program
- **Monthly** childhood vaccine orders should be placed at the same time as an influenza vaccine order

Storage of influenza vaccine

With the increase of influenza vaccine you will be holding in your vaccine refrigerator for the 2010 program, you will need to ensure **safe** storage of the vaccine, ie. all vaccines must be **stored in their original packaging** in your monitored vaccine refrigerator and not taken out of their box (please refer to the *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for Five*).

Recording influenza vaccinations

A data collection sheet has been provided to record all **FREE** influenza vaccinations.

- Every person vaccinated with free influenza vaccine should be recorded on this sheet
- If you are using an electronic list you must include the information as per the data sheet as well as the category for those receiving free vaccine
- Mark the category or categories each person falls into to be eligible for free vaccination
- You will need to fax the data sheet in **when requested** by the Queensland Health Immunisation Program (QHIP) – fax no. 3328 9720
- Refer to the *Annual Seasonal Funded Influenza Program 2010* schedule or The Australian Immunisation Handbook for expanded explanations of the Medical at Risk groups

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