

# IMMUNISATION FAST FACTS



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The Influenza Vaccination season is upon Primary Care and it is wonderful to see and hear how ready our practice network is to get 'jabbing'. Auckland PHO emailed an influenza resource recently to GPs and Practice Nurses. If you missed this, go to the following link on our Auckland PHO website (password aucklandpho). Updated consent and patient information can be found there as well.

<https://aucklandpho.co.nz/auckland-pho-library/programmes-services-and-information/>

## Influenza Vaccinations

**When ordering influenza vaccine stock, do not over order as you will not be able to return excess stock to Healthcare Logistic (HCL)**

### Summary

- More than 2.4 million doses of vaccine will be available for the 2021 flu season -almost 300,000 doses more than last year's record supply.
- Confirmed from the vaccine supplier that the vaccines for people aged **under 65** will be available from 17 May 2021.
- As with Flud Quad, distribution of these vaccines will begin ahead of this date to ensure that all providers have stock ready to begin.
- A manufacturing issue with Afluria Quad has meant that it has been approved for use in people **aged 5 years and over ONLY**.
- A different brand, Inluvac Tetra, will be available for use in children aged three and four years of age and Afluria Quad Junior will be available for children aged 6-35 months.
- **Please only order and use Inluvac Tetra for children aged three and four years.**
- We expect Afluria Quad, Inluvac Tetra and Afluria Quad Junior to be available to order from the HCL website from 27 April. The website will contain more detailed information as it becomes available.
- The table below shows the vaccines available in 2021 and the age groups that they should be used in:

Vaccine	Age group	Pack size	Available to order	Vaccination start date
Flud Quad	65 years and over	Tens	Now	14 April
Afluria Quad	5-64 years	Tens	From 27 April	17 May
<b>Inluvac Tetra</b>	<b>3 and 4 years</b>	<b>Singles</b>	<b>From 27 April</b>	<b>17 May</b>
Afluria Quad Junior	6-35 months	Singles	From 27 April	17 May

- Please focus on reaching people eligible for an influenza vaccine, as well as healthcare and other frontline workforces, to ensure that those at greatest risk of serious illness from influenza are protected.
- The Ministry set the start dates for the programme based on information from the supplier about vaccine availability, and based on feedback from the sector that they required stock to arrive ahead of the start of the programme.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

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### COVID Programme Webinar

A webinar has been arranged for primary care staff to provide them with an overview of the Covid vaccination programme, and with a Q & A component. The link and details below:

- **Title:** Covid vaccination programme update for primary care providers in the metro - Auckland Region
- **Date/Time:** Tuesday 13 April at 5:30pm
- **Link:** <https://aucklanddhb.zoom.us/j/91761127476>

A half hour overview of the programme will be followed by a question and answer session. It will be led by Matt Hannant, NRHCC community lead for the roll-out of the Covid-vaccination programme for metro-Auckland.

**The webinar will be recorded if you prefer to watch it at a more convenient time. The DHB will distribute the recording link to PHOs.**

### COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination (Reference Auckland Regional HealthPathways)

<https://aucklandregion.communityhealthpathways.org/52701.htm>

Use a 3-dose schedule when people are being vaccinated for both influenza and COVID 19:

- If a person is scheduled to have the COVID-19 immunisation within the next two weeks, give the influenza immunisation **two weeks** after their last COVID-19 immunisation dose.
- Where a person is not scheduled to have the COVID-19 immunisation in the next two weeks, give the influenza immunisation first, followed by their first COVID-19 immunisation at least **two weeks** after the influenza vaccine

### COVID-19 vaccine videos in 6 languages

Health professionals share some basic information around the COVID-19 vaccination in the following languages:

- [Cantonese](#)
- [Hindi](#)
- [Korean](#)
- [Mandarin](#)
- [Punjabi](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

(Please share these videos with your respective community members, groups and stakeholders).

**COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan and information sheets** available [here](#) (English).

**Translated** information on the COVID-19 Vaccination rollout and information sheet is available in a number of languages. Please see [here](#)