

# Target Influenza Immunisation Schedule

**BEFORE ADMINISTERING A FLU VACCINE, CHECK YOU HAVE THE CORRECT VACCINE FOR THE PERSON'S AGE**

AGE	VACCINE BRANDS
<b>6 months - &lt;3 years</b> (ALL children)	<b>NEW</b> FluQuadri Junior
<b>3 - &lt;5 years</b> (ALL children)	<b>NEW</b> FluQuadri or Fluarix Tetra
<b>5 - 9 years</b> *at increased risk of complications from severe influenza infections	Fluarix Tetra or FluQuadri
<b>Children aged 6 mths to &lt;9 yrs receiving Influenza Vaccine for the first time require 2 doses 4 weeks apart. Only one dose is required in subsequent years.</b>	
<b>10 - 64 years</b> *at increased risk of complications from severe influenza infections	FluQuadri or Fluarix Tetra or Afluria Quad ( <i>over 18 yrs only</i> )
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years - 64 years</b>	FluQuadri or Fluarix Tetra or Afluria Quad ( <i>over 18 yrs only</i> )
<b>Pregnant women</b> (in any trimester)	FluQuadri or Fluarix Tetra or Afluria Quad ( <i>over 18 yrs only</i> )
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>NEW</b> Fluzone High Dose or Fludac

**\*Conditions predisposing to severe influenza include the following:**

**Cardiac disease:** Cyanotic congenital heart disease, coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure

**Chronic respiratory conditions:** Suppurative lung disease, bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic emphysema

**Severe asthma defined as requiring frequent hospital visits and the use of multiple medications**

**Other chronic illnesses requiring regular medical follow-up or hospitalisation in the previous year:** Diabetes mellitus, chronic metabolic diseases, chronic renal failure, haemoglobinopathies, impaired immunity (including drug induced immune impairment)

**Chronic neurological conditions that can compromise respiratory function:** Multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury, seizure disorder, other neurological conditions

**People with impaired immunity:** HIV infection, malignancy, chronic steroid use, asplenia or splenic dysfunction

**Long-term aspirin therapy in children aged 6 months - 10 years**

**Influenza vaccine is also strongly recommended, but not funded, for other groups of people.**

Check the Department of Health and Human Services website [www.dhhs.tas.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au) for the latest version of this resource.

For further information contact DHHS Public Health Services - Communicable Diseases Prevention Unit 1800 671 738.

For further details refer to the online edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au)