

Target Influenza Immunisation Schedule

AGE	ANNUAL TIMEFRAME	DOSAGE	INTERVAL	VACCINE BRANDS
6 months - <3 years *Children at increased risk of complications from severe influenza infections and <u>all</u> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	First year of vaccination	2 doses of 0.25ml	1 month	FluQuadri Junior
	Subsequent years	1 dose of 0.25ml		FluQuadri Junior
3 - <5 years *Children at increased risk of complications from severe influenza infections and <u>all</u> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children	First year of vaccination	2 doses of 0.5ml	1 month	Fluarix Tetra
	Subsequent years	1 dose of 0.5ml		Fluarix Tetra
5 - 9 years *at increased risk of complications from severe influenza infections	First year of vaccination	2 doses of 0.5ml	1 month	Fluarix Tetra
	Subsequent years	1 dose of 0.5ml		Fluarix Tetra
10 - 64 years *at increased risk of complications from severe influenza infections	Every year	1 dose of 0.5ml		Fluarix Tetra
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and older	Every year	1 dose of 0.5ml		Fluarix Tetra
Pregnant women	During pregnancy (in any trimester)	1 dose of 0.5ml		Fluarix Tetra
Non Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people aged 65 years and over	Every year	1 dose of 0.5ml		Fluarix Tetra

*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. Please see the Australian Immunisation Handbook 10th edition pages 252-256.

Check the Primary Health Tasmania website www.primaryhealthtas.com.au for the latest version of this Immunisation resource. For further information contact DHHS Public Health Services - Communicable Diseases Prevention Unit 1800 671 738. To order more copies of this resource call 1300 653 169.

For further details refer to the online edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook www.immunise.health.gov.au