



Getting you ready ... Check List and Tips for Flu Season 2012

FRIDGE	Is your fridge monitored daily, and consistently reads between 2° and 8°? <i>If not please contact QHIP as soon as possible on 3328 9888.</i>
	Check your fridge capacity – can you hold your additional influenza vaccine stock comfortably as well as your other vaccines?
	Does your fridge require any maintenance?
	Do you need to change the battery in the thermometer? This should be done at least annually.
COOLERS (e.g. Esky, Willow)	Do you have enough coolers to cater for a cold chain breach and/or off-site clinics?
	Is your cooler adequate in size?
	Do you have enough thermometers?
	Do you have enough cold packs?
	Are your staff equipped & educated to handle a cold chain breach?
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL	Free brochures and posters on influenza and other vaccines can be obtained from www.immunise.health.gov.au
	Go to “Publications & Resources” (5 th button down on left) then select “Search” to see all available resources - scroll down the page once it reloads to view them all. You can click on the resource to view it online - you can then either print them, or some can also be ordered as hard copies.
ELIGIBILITY	<p>Those eligible for funded influenza vaccination are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (i) All individuals ≥65 years of age • (ii) All Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people ≥15 years of age • (iii) All pregnant women • (iv) Individuals ≥6 months of age with conditions predisposing to severe influenza as listed on pp 190 & 191 of The Australian Immunisation Handbook 9th edition. <p>Please see the influenza schedule provided in your first vaccine delivery or at the Queensland Health Immunisation website.</p> <p>Do you require extra Pneumovax 23 @ vaccine? Adults eligible for funded Pneumovax 23 @ vaccine are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (i) All individuals ≥65 years of age • (ii) All Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people ≥50 years of age, and those Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 - 49 years who have chronic illnesses associated with increased risk of invasive pneumococcal disease – such as heart, kidney or lung disease; diabetes; alcohol-related problems and tobacco smokers. <p><i>The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has recently updated revaccination recommendations for Pneumovax 23 @ which can be found at www.immunise.health.gov.au</i></p> <p>QHIP can provide hard copies of the “Eligibility for Funded Vaccines” Schedule or it is also available at the Queensland Health Immunisation website.</p>
DISTRIBUTION	Flu vaccination clinics should not be organised until <u>after</u> you have received your first vaccine order.
	When placing orders, use the correct and up to date order form available at the Queensland Health Immunisation website. Ensure you record correct quantities, expiry dates and quantity required.
	After 15 th March, you can place your flu orders weekly for the first two months - standard vaccine orders will be done monthly with a flu order.
	If your surgery is closed and you can't receive your order please advise QHIP - don't forget to let us know about local public holidays!
	Unpack, count and refrigerate your vaccines as soon as you receive your order.

Queensland Health Immunisation website www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation