

# Influenza Vaccine Program 2020-2021

## Update 5 – Oct. 16, 2020

Dear Community Vaccine Providers

Thanks for submitting your influenza vaccine requests. Public Health Units are processing and filling your orders.

### **We know that there will be increased demand for flu vaccines this season. Help us ensure that vaccines are accessible across the Fraser Health region**

- When calculating how much vaccine to request for your practice, please consider:
  - o How much vaccine you used last year
  - o How much will be feasible to deliver this year, especially given volume constraints with physical distancing
  - o That our vaccine supply is shared across the region, and most community vaccine providers are increasing the number of flu vaccines they will deliver this season
- Please include the amount of doses requested for the season on your order form. While we understand this is an estimate, it helps us with planning.

### **We can all do our best to provide a flu shot to everyone who wants one, while making vaccines accessible to those most at risk from flu**

- Don't miss an opportunity if someone wants a vaccine. Three of this year's vaccine products can be used for anyone over 6 months of age. If a preferred product is not available, use another interchangeable product. For a quick look at the vaccines available this year and who is eligible to get them, click [here](#).
- Consider offering clinics accessible to those most at risk such as those over 65 years old, pregnant women, and those with specific health conditions
- Very few people are not in contact with someone who is high risk, and therefore very few people are ineligible for publicly funded vaccine.
- Let clients/patients know that with COVID-19 precautions, it may take longer to get an appointment.

### **Preferred vaccine for those 65 years and older (Fluad) will be available sooner**

- Fluad has been delivered to Public Health Units ahead of schedule and arrived this week.

### **Practical guide for delivering mass immunizations**

Fraser Health Public Health has created *Considerations when preparing for a mass immunization clinic*, with practical tools including sample layouts, signs, screening forms, and recording sheets.

### **Questions?**

If you have further questions, send them to [influenza@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:influenza@fraserhealth.ca). Be sure to include your name, contact information, and the city you're located in. We will do our best to answer your questions.