

Tool 8: Obtaining and Transporting Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccine (including 'Cold-Chain' Guide)

Each season, your local Health Unit will provide a similar number of doses of seasonal influenza vaccine as your Care Community used the previous year. Please inform your local health unit if your need for influenza vaccine will be significantly different than last season

Vaccine Supply

Fraser Health Owned and Operated Facilities

- Care Community is located on hospital grounds - influenza vaccine is ordered by the hospital pharmacy, through Public Health, and it is picked up at the pharmacy by the onsite facility Care Community
- Care Community is not located on hospital grounds - influenza vaccine is ordered through public health and picked up from your local Health Unit ([Tool 8](#))

Contracted and Private Pay Facilities (not Fraser Health Operated)

- Order influenza vaccine through public health and pick up influenza vaccine from your local Health Unit ([Tool 8](#))

Be sure to:

- Check that your vaccine refrigerator and “minimum-maximum” thermometer are in good working order
- Check that you have a large enough, suitable, well-insulated cooler with a tightly fitting lid, enough freezer packs, and insulating materials
- Read and adhere to Transport and Storage instructions from the BC Centre for Disease Control (link below and “Handle Vaccines with Care” section copied on following page
- Monitor and record refrigerator temperature twice daily

Handle Vaccine with Care: Transport and Storage

1. [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guide](#)
2. [Handle vaccines with care](#)
3. [Packing an insulated cooler](#) (Remember to use insulating material between vaccine and ice pack so the vaccine does not freeze)
4. [How to store vaccines in the refrigerator](#)
5. [What to do if the temperature is outside the 2°C to 8°C range](#)
6. [Refrigerator temperature log form and instructions](#)
7. [Cold chain checklist](#)

Cold Chain Resources for Community Vaccine Providers

1. [Vaccine and Cold Chain Management](#)