

WHO SHOULD GET THE FLU SHOT?

National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendations:

NACI states that influenza vaccine may be administered to anyone greater than 6 months of age who does not have any contraindications. NACI recommends flu vaccination especially for those:

- Who are at high risk of influenza-related complications or hospitalizations
 - Adults and children with underlying chronic conditions
 - Residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities
 - People ≥ 65 years of age
 - Children 6 to 59 months of age
 - Healthy pregnant women
 - Aboriginal peoples
- Who are capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk
 - Healthcare providers in facilities and community settings
 - Household contacts of persons at high risk of complications including infants <6 months of age
 - Those providing healthcare for children ≤ 59 months of age
 - Those who provide services within close or relatively close settings to persons at high risk
 - Those who provide essential community services

FLUZONE® Quadrivalent DINs Pre-filled syringe (PFS): 02420643 Multi-dose vial (MDV): 02432730

What it is used for:

FLUZONE® Quadrivalent is a vaccine for the prevention of influenza (flu) caused by the influenza virus in adults and children 6 months of age and older. Annual vaccination using the current vaccine is recommended for prevention against influenza as immunity declines in the year following vaccination.

When it should not be used:

FLUZONE® Quadrivalent should not be used by persons who have ever had a severe allergic reaction to:

- egg or egg products
- any component of FLUZONE® Quadrivalent

Warnings & Precautions:

FLUZONE® Quadrivalent will only protect against the strains of flu virus contained in the vaccine or those that are closely related. FLUZONE® Quadrivalent will not protect against any other strains of flu virus.

As with all vaccines, FLUZONE® Quadrivalent does not protect 100% of people immunized. If you have any of the following conditions, talk to your healthcare provider (doctor, nurse or pharmacist) BEFORE you receive FLUZONE® Quadrivalent:

- A weakened immune system, due to disease or other treatment.
- A bleeding disorder or taking blood-thinning medications.
- Allergy to egg protein or to any component of the vaccine.
- A high fever or serious illness; vaccination must be postponed until you are better.
- A history of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) within 6 weeks of a previous influenza vaccination.
- Pregnant or breast-feeding.

Side Effects:

The most common side effects in children and adults are pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, and muscle ache. The most common side effect in infants is irritability.

For more information:

Talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist to see if this vaccine is right for you or your child, and visit www.sanofi.ca for more information, including Consumer Information Leaflets.

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THE FLU: HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND YOURSELF.

The more you know about the flu,
the more you'll understand the
importance of vaccination.

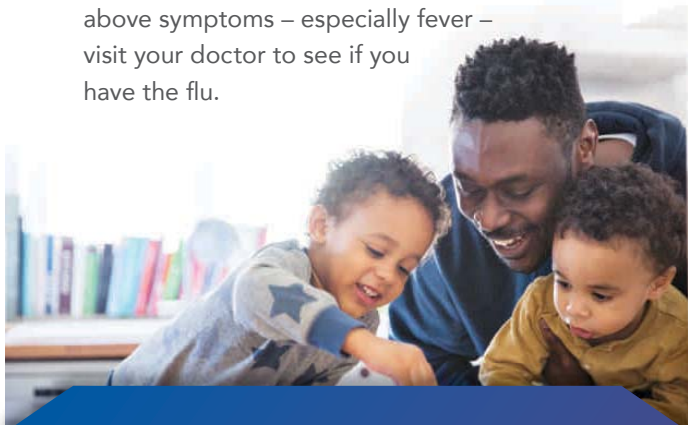


 Fluzone® Quadrivalent
INFLUENZE VACCINE

WHAT IS THE FLU?

Influenza, commonly known as flu, is a contagious and serious illness that – for some people – can even be deadly. Flu is an illness caused by influenza viruses, which cause epidemics every year. In Canada, flu season usually occurs in the fall and winter months – typically from October to April.

Flu symptoms can progress quickly – starting with a headache, chills and cough, followed rapidly by fever, muscle aches, runny nose, sore throat and fatigue. If you're experiencing any combination of the above symptoms – especially fever – visit your doctor to see if you have the flu.



DID YOU KNOW?

In Canada, influenza causes an average of 12,200 hospitalizations and an average of 3,500 deaths annually.

HOW DOES FLU VACCINATION WORK?

The flu vaccine works by causing your body to produce its own antibodies against the flu virus.



After you get a flu shot, your immune system produces antibodies against the strains of virus that are in the vaccine. Then, if you are exposed to the virus, the antibodies will help to keep you from getting sick, or at least as sick as you might have gotten without the shot.



The antibodies are effective for the duration of the flu season.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET A FLU VACCINE EVERY YEAR?

The flu viruses are constantly changing. As a result, flu vaccines are updated yearly, which is why it's important to get the flu shot every year.

WHAT IS Fluzone® Quadrivalent VACCINE?

FLUZONE® Quadrivalent is a vaccine used to prevent influenza caused by the 4 strains of influenza virus (A/H1N1, A/H3N2, B/Victoria lineage, B/Yamagata lineage) contained in the vaccine. This vaccine may be given to adults and children 6 months of age and older.

WHAT ARE THE FLU RISKS FOR OLDER ADULTS?

Nearly 1 in 2 adults over 50 years old have a high risk medical condition, such as: asthma, diabetes, obesity, heart disease and/or stroke.



Adults 50 years and older have medical conditions that are more frequently linked to flu complications, compared to younger adults.



Conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease have been shown in clinical studies to increase the risk of hospitalization and heart attacks when combined with the flu.



DID YOU KNOW?

The flu makes most people ill for a week to ten days. But for persons at high risk, it can result in complications such as pneumonia, heart attack or stroke, or worsen conditions such as diabetes. In some cases, flu can be fatal.