

# National Immunisation Program (NIP) funded influenza vaccines 2021

Check your  
patient's age

Check that you have the correct  
vaccine

All influenza vaccines are latex free

Children < 9 years of age will need 2 doses at least 4 weeks apart in their first year of vaccination

As at June 2021, the Influenza and COVID-19 vaccine should be given a minimum of 7 days apart. Stay up to date with ATAGI advice on Influenza and COVID-19 vaccination information

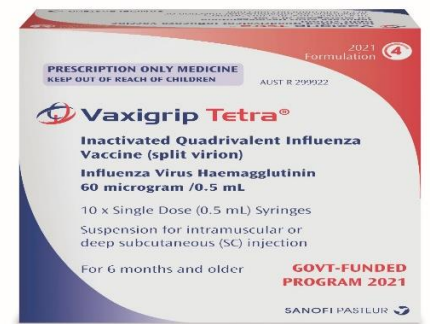
Influenza vaccine can be administered as stock becomes available until the vaccine expires

Age

Influenza vaccine image

## Vaxigrip Tetra®

6 months to 64 years	All children aged 6 months to 5 years of age, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island children and those with certain medical conditions
	People aged 5 to 64 years with medical risk factors predisposing them to severe influenza
	All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people aged 6 months to 64 years
	Pregnant women
<b>Registered for ages 6 months and over.</b>	



## Fluarix Tetra®

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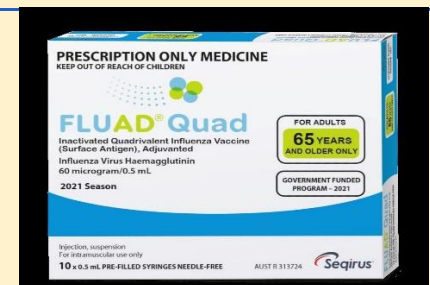
## Afluria Quad®

5 to 64 years	People aged 5 to 64 years with medical risk factors predisposing them to severe influenza
	All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people aged 5 to 64 years
	Pregnant women
<b>Registered for ages 5 years and over.</b>	



## Fluad® Quad

65 years and over (only)	All people 65 years and over
	Quadrivalent vaccine
	<b>Registered for ages 65 years and over</b>



Influenza vaccines and vaccination schedule can be viewed at [health.act.gov.au/services/immunisation](http://health.act.gov.au/services/immunisation)

# Eligibility for National Immunisation Program funded influenza vaccines 2021

## National Immunisation Program (NIP) Categories

Age	Comments
<b>Children from 6 months to under 5 years</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children up to 9 years of age who are receiving the influenza vaccine for the first time will require 2 influenza vaccines at least 4 weeks apart.</li> <li>Children who have received one or more doses of influenza vaccine in previous years will only need one dose.</li> </ul>
<b>All persons aged ≥65 years</b>	None
<b>Pregnant women (during any stage of pregnancy)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influenza vaccine is recommended in every pregnancy and at any stage of pregnancy.</li> <li>Influenza vaccine can safely be given at the same time as pertussis vaccine.</li> <li>Women who received an influenza vaccine in 2020 can be revaccinated when 2021 influenza vaccine becomes available before the end of their pregnancy.</li> <li>For women who receive an influenza vaccine before becoming pregnant, revaccinate during pregnancy to protect the unborn infant.</li> </ul>
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons aged 6 months and over</b>	None
<b>All persons aged 6 months and over who have certain medical conditions which increase the risk of influenza-related complications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiac disease</li> <li>Chronic respiratory conditions</li> <li>Chronic neurological conditions which affect breathing</li> <li>Severe asthma (requiring frequent medical consultations or use of multiple medications)</li> <li>Immunocompromising conditions</li> <li>Diabetes</li> <li>Renal disease</li> <li>Haematological disorders</li> <li>Children aged 6 months to 10 years on long term aspirin therapy</li> </ul>

### Timing of vaccination

- The influenza vaccine should be given before Australia's peak influenza months of June to September.
- Optimal protection against influenza occurs within the first 3 to 4 months following vaccination .
- Continue offering the influenza vaccine as long as the vaccines are within their expiry date.
- Stay up to date on ATAGI advice regarding the timing of Influenza and COVID-19 vaccination

For further information please contact the Health Protection Service  
Immunisation enquiry line on 51249800