

Summary of 2026 influenza vaccines

Vaccine brand	INFLUVAC TETRA®	FLUAD®	FLUZONE™	FLUCELVAX®
Manufacturer and/or supplier	Viartis 0800 168169	Seqirus 0800 502 757	Sanofi 0800 283 684	Seqirus 0800 502 757
Fully funded	Yes, if individual meets Pharmac eligibility criteria	No	No	No
Available for purchase	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Age	6 months and over	50 years and over	6 months and over	6 months and over
Dose	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL
Number of doses	1 or 2*	1	1 or 2*	1 or 2*
	<i>*For children between 6 months and less than 4 years of age who have not been previously vaccinated, a second dose should be given at least 4 weeks later. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for specific guidance on doses for severely immunocompromised children.</i>			
Route of administration	IM†	IM	IM	IM
	<i>†If needle length results in deep subcutaneous administration, that is also acceptable.</i>			
Presentation	Pre-filled syringe, needle attached: 0.5mL	Pre-filled syringe, no needle: 0.5 mL	Pre-filled syringe, no needle attached-needle provided separately: 0.5mL	Pre-filled syringe, no needle: 0.5mL
Concomitant administration with COVID-19, Tdap, Shingrix, RSV vaccines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Concomitant administration with PCV13	Individuals (or parents/legal guardians/powers of attorney) should be informed of the small risk of febrile convulsions in concomitant delivery in children aged 6 months to under 5 years. If the individual has a history of febrile convulsions, separation of two days between vaccines is recommended. (Note FLUAD IS only approved for ages 50 and over)			
Residual antibiotics	Gentamicin, tylosine tartrate	Kanamycin, neomycin	No antibiotics used to manufacture	No antibiotics used to manufacture
	Latex-free§	Latex-free	Latex-free	Cannot be considered latex-free ††
Latex	<i>§ Manufacturer cannot exclude possible inadvertent contamination during the manufacturing and packaging process. Patients with anaphylaxis (not sensitivity) to latex should be offered alternative vaccine.</i>			<i>Sheath covering the needle may contain natural rubber latex. Patients with anaphylaxis (not sensitivity) to latex should be offered alternative vaccine</i>
Ovalbumin	Each dose contains less than 1 microgram of ovalbumin			Does not contain egg proteins as eggs are not used in the manufacturing processes
	Egg-based vaccines			Cell culture vaccines
Vaccines' influenza strains (bolded strains are new for 2026)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A/Missouri/11/2025 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus A/Singapore/GP20238/2024 (H3N2)-like virus B/Austria/1359417/2021-like virus B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A/Missouri/11/2025 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus A/Singapore/GP20238/2024 (H3N2)-like virus B/Austria/1359417/2021-like virus 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A/Missouri/11/2025 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus A/Sydney/1359/2024 (H3N2)-like virus B/Austria/1359417/2021 like virus
Expiry*	31/12/2026	02/12/26	TBC**	28/02/27
Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccines must be stored, protected from light, at +2°C to +8°C. DO NOT FREEZE. Temperature-monitored chilly bins must be used if vaccines are temporarily stored outside the vaccine refrigerator or being transported. Quarantine vaccines stored outside the required temperature range and contact your Immunisation/Cold Chain Coordinator. 			
Order from	HEALTHCARE LOGISTICS (HCL) Email: Flu@healthcarelogistics.co.nz Phone: 0508 425 358 Website: hcl.co.nz			

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* Always check expiry dates as these may change. ** Date not available at time of printing.