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# 2018 Eligibility

## for funded influenza vaccination

The funded influenza vaccines for 2018 are INFLUVAC® TETRA and FLUARIX® TETRA.

These are free when administered to eligible people by 31 December 2018.

### Eligibility criteria for FREE influenza vaccination:

- 1. Pregnant women (any trimester)**
- 2. People aged under 65 years with any of the medical conditions listed overleaf**
- 3. People aged 65 years or older**

Also refer to the New Zealand Pharmaceutical Schedule on the PHARMAC website:  
[www.pharmac.govt.nz/patients/PharmaceuticalSchedule](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/patients/PharmaceuticalSchedule)

#### The following conditions are excluded from funding:

- Asthma not requiring regular preventative therapy
- Hypertension and/or dyslipidaemia without evidence of end-organ disease

#### For vaccination eligibility and clinical queries contact:

**The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC)**

The University of Auckland

Phone: 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863)

Email: [0800immune@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:0800immune@auckland.ac.nz)

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# Eligible medical conditions for funded influenza vaccination

## Funded influenza vaccine is available each year for people who meet the following criteria set by PHARMAC:\*

- people 65 years of age or older; or
- people under 65 years of age who:
  - have any of the following cardiovascular diseases:
    - ischaemic heart disease, or
    - congestive heart failure, or
    - rheumatic heart disease, or
    - congenital heart disease, or
    - cerebrovascular disease; or
  - have either of the following chronic respiratory diseases:
    - asthma, if on a regular preventative therapy, or
    - other chronic respiratory disease with impaired lung function;<sup>a</sup> or
  - have diabetes; or
  - have chronic renal disease; or
  - have any cancer, please refer to the vaccine precaution below #, excluding basal and squamous skin cancers if not invasive; or
  - have any of the following other conditions:
    - autoimmune disease,<sup>b</sup> or
    - immune suppression or immune deficiency, or
    - HIV, or
    - transplant recipient, or
    - neuromuscular or CNS disease/disorder,<sup>c</sup> or
    - haemoglobinopathy,<sup>d</sup> or
    - children on long term aspirin, or
    - a cochlear implant, or
    - error of metabolism at risk of major metabolic decompensation, or
    - pre- or post-splenectomy, or
    - Down syndrome, or
    - pregnant women (any trimester); or
    - children aged 4 years or under who have been hospitalised for respiratory illness or have a history of significant respiratory illness;
- people under 18 years of age living in the:
  - Seddon/Ward and rural Eastern Marlborough region (within the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board), or
  - Kaikoura and Hurunui areas (within the Canterbury District Health Board) or
  - who have been displaced from their homes in Edgecumbe and the surrounding region

Unless meeting the criteria set out above, the following conditions are excluded from funding:

- asthma not requiring regular preventative therapy,
- hypertension and/or dyslipidaemia without evidence of end-organ disease

\*Eligibility criteria as at March 2018.

## #New influenza vaccination precaution

Influenza vaccination may be contraindicated or need to be delayed for people receiving some new cancer treatments. Please read the information under *Contraindications and precautions to receiving influenza vaccine* on page 16 of the 2018 Flu Kit booklet for people receiving atezolizumab (Tecentriq®), ipilimumab (Yervoy®), nivolumab (Opdivo®) and pembrolizumab (Keytruda®) and contact the person's oncologist or 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for current advice about influenza vaccination for these people BEFORE administering the vaccine.

**For vaccination eligibility queries call 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863).**

- Chronic respiratory diseases include: chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, emphysema.
- Autoimmune diseases may include: coeliac disease, Crohn's disease, Grave's disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis. Immune suppression or immune deficiency includes disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) or targeted biologic therapies.
- Neuromuscular and CNS diseases/disorders include: cerebral palsy, congenital myopathy, epilepsy, hydrocephaly, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, Parkinson's disease.
- Haemoglobinopathies include: sickle cell anaemia, thalassaemia.

INFLUVAC® TETRA and FLUARIX® TETRA are a prescription medicines. Before administering these vaccines, read the data sheet (at [www.medsafe.govt.nz](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz) or [www.influenza.org.nz](http://www.influenza.org.nz)) for information on the active ingredients, contraindications, precautions, interactions and adverse effects. TAPS NA9775.

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