

## Alberta Influenza Immunization Program 2022/2023 – updating inventory on the pharmacy provider website

This season’s provincially funded Alberta Influenza Immunization Program opens to the public on **October 17, 2022**. Albertans wanting influenza vaccine in the pharmacy setting—no matter the individual’s risk—will have to wait until the general program launch to ensure adequate time for all pharmacies to receive vaccine for the public launch and to support streamlined communication.

Pharmacies must order vaccine judiciously. A sufficient supply of vaccine is available for pharmacies and the vaccine arrives in the province in a series of shipments.

Effective immediately, pharmacies that have vaccine inventory on-hand can update influenza vaccine inventory information through the secure Alberta Blue Cross pharmacy provider website. You can select standard influenza vaccine and/or high dose influenza vaccine. This inventory information will be displayed on the public website beginning **October 17, 2022**.

Current inventory	
Product/service	In stock
Moderna vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pfizer vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standard influenza vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/> ←
High dose influenza vaccine	<input type="checkbox"/> ←
Paxlovid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rapid antigen test	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### Alberta Vaccine Inventory (AVI) reporting process

To safeguard vaccine accountability and visibility, and manage vaccine inventory, the AVI system will be used for inventory management for influenza vaccines.

Pharmacies must access the AVI system to receive transfers of vaccine from the pharmacy wholesale distributors—the wholesaler has 48 business hours to complete the transfer in AVI. In addition, a physical count of your on-hand quantities and reconciliation amount must be completed every Monday, no later than 9 p.m., to fulfill required reporting to Alberta Health.

Accuracy is essential to managing the distribution of influenza vaccine in the province. If a pharmacy fails to manage and update inventory in AVI, such as receiving transfers and weekly reconciliation, Alberta Health may remove or suspend the pharmacy from participation in the Alberta Immunization Program.

### Alberta Vaccine Booking System (AVBS)

To support Influenza vaccine administration in community pharmacies and Alberta Health Services (AHS) clinics, Albertans will be encouraged to utilize the AVBS to book appointments, in addition to the option of receiving the vaccine as a walk-in at a pharmacy.

On **October 14**, there will be a new influenza vaccine tag added to the AVBS for use by community pharmacies to create appointment availabilities or schedules for influenza high dose (i.e. 65 years of age and older). The influenza tag currently in the AVBS is to be utilized for influenza standard dose.

Appointments created within the AVBS must occur on or after **October 17, 2022**.

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