AUSTRALIAN IMMUNISATION REGISTER (AIR) UPDATE – 3 APRIL 2023

Influenza vaccines

[ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines in 2023](#) outlines the seasonal influenza vaccines registered and available for use in Australia in 2023, by age (see Table 1 below). It is important to give the right vaccine based on the patients' age. Ensure the correct vaccine name and batch number are recorded and transmitted to AIR.

Immunisation providers that record a vaccine for an individual that is not registered for use in that age group will be contacted.

Table 1. Seasonal influenza vaccines registered and available for use in Australia in 2023, by age

Vaccine / Registered age group	Vaxigrip Tetra 0.5 mL (Sanofi)	Fluarix Tetra 0.5 mL (GSK)	Afluria Quad 0.5 mL (Seqirus)	FluQuadri 0.5 mL (Sanofi)	Influvac Tetra 0.5 mL (Mylan)	Flucelvax Quad 0.5 mL (Seqirus)	Fluad Quad 0.5 mL (Seqirus)	Fluzone High-Dose Quad 0.7 mL (Sanofi)
6 to 24 months (<2 years)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X
≥2 to <5 years	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X
≥5 to <60 years	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓	✓	✓	X	X
≥60 to <65 years	✓*	✓*	✓*	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
≥65 years	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Ticks indicate age at which a vaccine is registered and available. White boxes indicate availability for free under the NIP.
* NIP funding only for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, pregnant women and people who have certain medical conditions.

There are two influenza vaccines in Australia that are available both on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) and the private market. These vaccines now have their own vaccine names and codes to improve monitoring and compliance. Details of the new vaccine codes are below.

New vaccine codes

New vaccines codes have been added to the AIR. Ensure you are using the latest version of your clinical software which will have the latest AIR vaccine codes.

AIR vaccine brand name	AIR vaccine code
Afluria Quad (NIP)	AFLQUA
Afluria Quad (non-NIP)	QUADAF
Fluarix Tetra (NIP)	FLXTET
Fluarix Tetra (non-NIP)	ARXFLU
Moderna Spikevav Biv BA.4-5	MODBBA
Moderna Spikevav Biv BA.1 (renamed, Original bivalent)	MODBIV

You can report the new vaccine codes through the AIR site if your clinical software is not updated. A full list of AIR standard and non-standard vaccine codes is available on the [Services Australia](#) website.

Mandatory vaccine reporting

Under the [Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015](#), it is mandatory for immunisation providers to report the following vaccines to the AIR:

- Influenza vaccines
- COVID-19 vaccines
- NIP funded vaccines
- Japanese encephalitis virus vaccines

Further information about mandatory reporting and what personal information is collected in the AIR is available on the [Department of Health and Aged](#) Care website.

Data quality reminders

When recording vaccination encounters, it is important to:

- use current Medicare card details
- choose the correct Individual Reference Number (IRN) that represents the position of the person on a Medicare card
- check the name exactly matches what is recorded on Medicare, e.g. spelling, hyphens, and date of birth
- use Medicare 'Find a Patient' or 'AIR Identify Individual' to get the current details
- ensure clinical practice software is up to date (particularly for locally-installed products, i.e. non-cloud based products). Your software developer or site technical contact will be able to tell you if you are using a cloud product.

Services Australia contact details

Services Australia and the AIR helpdesk is available to provide further assistance.

- AIR General Enquiries: 1800 653 809; air@servicesaustralia.gov.au
- AIR Internet Helpdesk: 1300 650 039
- PRODA Helpdesk: 1800 700 199; proda@servicesaustralia.gov.au
- HPOS Helpdesk: 132 150