

Ontario (2010/2011) Influenza Vaccine Recommended Recipient Groups

All individuals aged 6 months or older, who live, work or attend school in Ontario, who have no contraindication, regardless of whether or not they are considered to be at high risk or healthy, are encouraged to receive the publicly-funded influenza vaccine through the Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP).

In Ontario, the 2010/2011 seasonal influenza vaccine is also recommended for the following groups according to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI):

People at high risk of influenza-related complications or those more likely to require hospitalization:	People capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults (including pregnant women) and children with the following chronic health conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cardiac or pulmonary disorders (e.g. bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis, asthma); • diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases; • cancer, immunodeficiency, immunosuppression (due to underlying disease or therapy); • renal disease; • anemia or hemoglobinopathy; • conditions that compromise the management of respiratory secretions and associated with an increased risk of aspiration; • children and adolescents with conditions treated for long periods with acetylsalicylic acid. • All residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities. • People 65 years of age or older. • All children 6 – 23 months of age. • Healthy pregnant women; (the risk of influenza-related hospitalization increases with length of gestation). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care and other care providers in facilities and community settings who, through their activities, are capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk. • Household contacts (adults and children) of individuals at high risk (whether or not the individual at high risk has been immunized): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • household contacts of individuals at high risk; and • household contacts of infants under 6 months of age; and • members of a household expecting a newborn during the influenza season. • Those providing regular child care to children under 24 months of age. • Those who provide services within closed or relatively closed settings to persons at high risk (e.g. crew on a ship).
	<p>Other Recommended Groups:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who provide essential community services • People in direct contact with avian-influenza infected poultry during culling operations.
	<p>Special Consideration in 2010/2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons with morbid obesity (BMI ≥ 40) • Aboriginal peoples • Children 2 – 4 years of age