

## Publicly Funded Seasonal Influenza Vaccine 2019-20

Seasonal influenza vaccine is **available free of charge** to the following New Brunswick residents by a variety of immunization providers and programs, however all healthy persons aged 19 to 64 years who do not have contraindications to influenza vaccine are also encouraged to receive influenza vaccine.

- Adults and children with chronic health conditions:
  - cardiac or pulmonary disorders (including bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis and asthma);
  - diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases;
  - cancer, immune compromising conditions (due to underlying disease and/or therapy);
  - renal disease;
  - anemia or hemoglobinopathy;
  - neurologic or neurodevelopment conditions. These include seizure disorders, febrile seizures and isolated developmental delay in children and neuromuscular, neurovascular, neurodegenerative, neurodevelopmental conditions and seizure disorders in adults, but excludes migraines and neuropsychiatric conditions without neurological conditions;
  - conditions that compromise the management of respiratory secretions and are associated with an increased risk of aspiration;
  - morbid obesity (BMI $\geq$ 40); and
  - children and adolescents ( ages 6 months to 18 years) undergoing treatment for long periods with acetylsalicylic acid, because of the potential increase of Reye's syndrome associated with influenza.
- People of any age who are residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities.
- People  $\geq$ 65 years of age.
- Healthy children 6 months to 18 years of age.
- Pregnant women.
- Aboriginal people.
- Those in direct contact with poultry infected with avian influenza during culling operations.
- People capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk:
  - household contacts (adults and children) of individuals at high risk of influenza-related complications (whether or not the individual at high risk has been immunized), as listed in first bullet;
  - household contacts of infants <6 months of age;
  - household contacts of children 6 months to 59 months; and
  - members of a household expecting a newborn during the influenza season.
- Health care workers, including staff of licensed long-term care facilities (LTCF), are capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk. Influenza vaccine is provided free of charge to health care workers by the employer who is responsible for the cost of vaccine and administration.