

2021 Eligible conditions for funded influenza vaccination

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

1. People 65 years of age or older; or

2. 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;^a or
- have diabetes; or
- have chronic renal disease; or
- have any cancer, excluding basal and squamous skin cancers if not invasive; or
- have any of the following other conditions:
 - autoimmune disease,^b or
 - immune suppression or immune deficiency, or
 - HIV, or
 - transplant recipient, or
 - neuromuscular or CNS disease/disorder,^c or
 - haemoglobinopathy,^d or
 - children on long-term aspirin, or
 - a cochlear implant, or
 - pregnant women (any trimester); or
 - error of metabolism at risk of major metabolic decompensation, or
 - pre- or post-splenectomy, or
 - Down syndrome, or
- pregnant women (any trimester); or

3. Children aged 4 years or under who have been hospitalised for respiratory illness or have a history of significant respiratory illness

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

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a. Chronic respiratory diseases include: chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, emphysema.

b. 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.

c. Neuromuscular and CNS diseases/disorders include: cerebral palsy, congenital myopathy, epilepsy, hydrocephaly, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury.

d. Haemoglobinopathies include: sickle cell anaemia, thalassaemia.

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