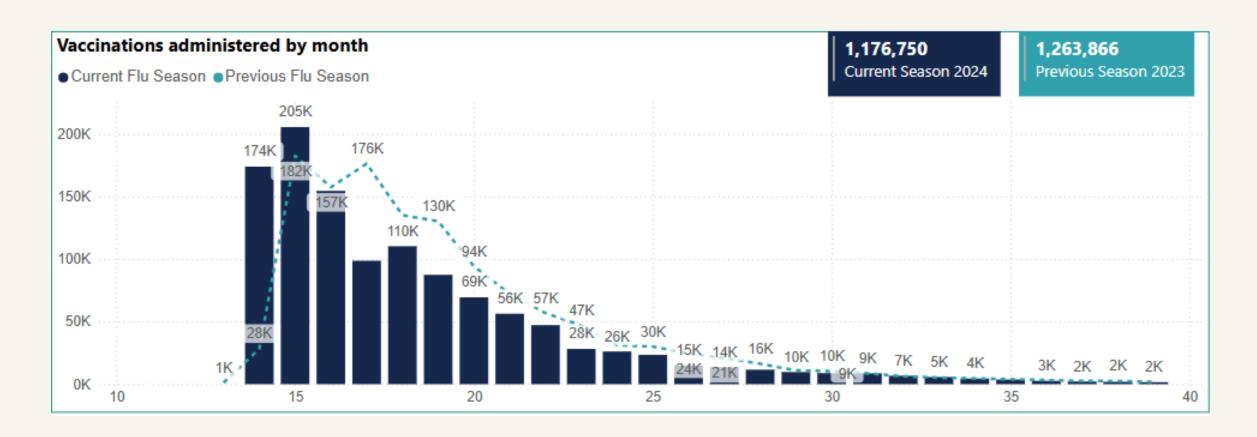
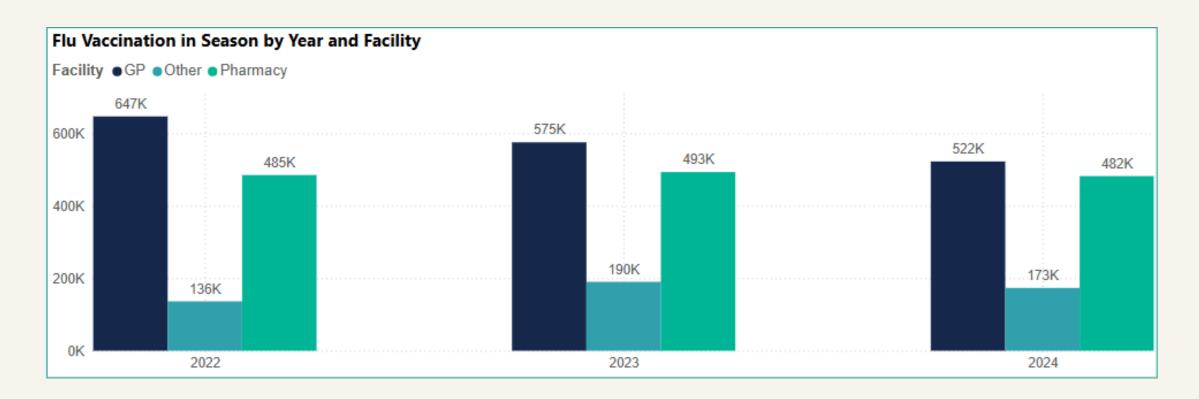
# FLU2025

Influenza Immunisation Programme update 11 March 2025

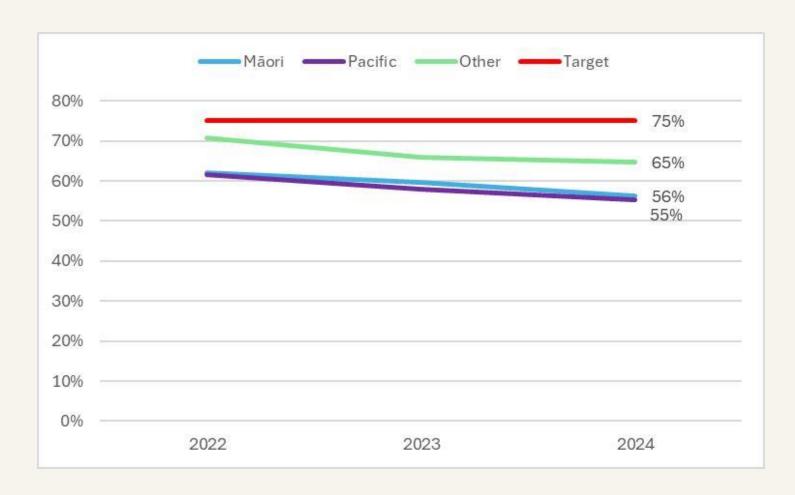
#### Influenza doses administered by month



Influenza vaccinations administered by facility type between 2022 and 2024



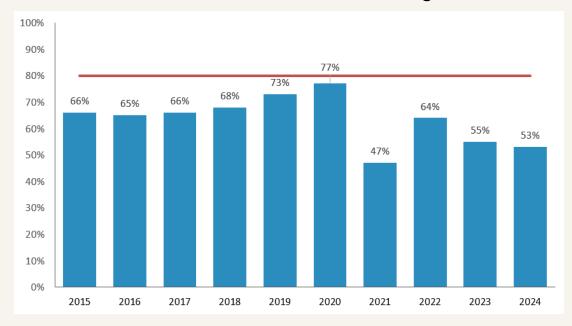
Influenza vaccination uptake by ethnicity and year for people aged 65 years and older 2022 - 2024



### Health NZ district staff

- 52,013 staff vaccinated in 2024 (53%)
- 2% decline from 2023 (see right)

#### District HCW influenza vaccination coverage 2015-2024



- Non-Health NZ Staff
  - 20,826 vaccinations claimed through the flu reimbursement portal
  - 23% increased from 2023
  - Sites: Aged Residential Care (34%), General Practice (23%), and Pharmacy (14%)

### Programme Goals 2025

### The goals are:

Aged 65 years and over:

75% coverage

Healthcare and disability workers:

- 80% coverage for Health NZ employed workers
- An increase in absolute number of vaccinations from 2024 for non-Health NZ health and disability workers

### The objectives are:

- Offer influenza vaccine to all children aged between six months and four years upon hospital discharge following respiratory illness
- Offer influenza vaccine to all pregnant people
- Offer influenza vaccine to all eligible people on discharge from hospital

### Key flu programme details/reminders

- Season starts Tuesday 01 April 2025
- Pre-ordering for funded vaccine is now available from HCL
- Bookings are now available on Book My Vaccine for appointments from 1 April
- Consumers can find information about immunisation services on Healthpoint – please ensure your site details are up to date including whether you accept walk-ins.





Find up-to-date information about providers and services offered.

### Reminder of funded flu vaccine eligibility

### Eligibility criteria determined by **PHARMAC**



- 1. Pregnant people
- 2. People 65 years of age and over
- 3. People under 65 years of age with certain eligible health conditions
- 4. People under 65 years of age with serious mental health and addiction conditions
- Children 4 years of age and under who have been hospitalised for respiratory illness or have a history of significant respiratory illness

### Ordering

#### Ordering details

Order via HCL website <a href="https://hcl.co.nz/">https://hcl.co.nz/</a>

- Pre-ordering is now available
- Dispatch from 17 March 2025
- Viatris Influvac Tetra for 6 months+ (same as last year)
- 1 pack = 10 doses
- Needle included

Queries to <u>flu@healthcarelogistics.co.nz</u> or 09 969 0768

### EXISTING CUSTOMERS LOGIN HERE

Sign in here for access to our ordering portal

HCL ACCOUNT NO	
USERNAME	
PASSWORD	
LOGIN	
Forgot password	Register

#### **Cold chain**

Please ensure cold chain is in place and a trained cold chain person is ready to receive orders.

### **Packaging**

Influvac Tetra will be supplied in polystyrene cartons; the cartons can be recycled at participating Mitre 10 centres.

you can check online for participating stores: <a href="https://www.mitrel0.co.nz/news/expol-recycling-cubes?srsltid=AfmBOopFx\_FR1ff5se-sty9FX9JoSr7LlqCjR-65BpX70Qhu349InMaO">https://www.mitrel0.co.nz/news/expol-recycling-cubes?srsltid=AfmBOopFx\_FR1ff5se-sty9FX9JoSr7LlqCjR-65BpX70Qhu349InMaO</a>

# Ordering – minimum quantities

### **HCL Minimum quantities**

**01 Mar - 31 May:** 60 doses (6 x pack of 10)

**01 Jun - 31 Jul:** 30 doses (3 x pack of 10)

**01 Aug - 31 Dec:** 10 doses (1 x pack of 10)

\*\*Multiples encouraged for pack out efficiency

Please triple check your orders and that you have ordered the correct number.

Order in packs, not doses.

#### Orders for smaller quantities

Orders for quantities <6 packs can be placed with Propharma or CDC (<a href="https://cdc.co.nz/">https://cdc.co.nz/</a>) for smaller providers (e.g. outreach) who need it.

### Initiatives to support sector

### Co-administration payment for influenza + Tdap for hapū māmā

Additional co-administration payments available for relevant contract holders when administering influenza and Tdap or influenza and shingles.



Influenza



**Tdap** 

### Reimbursement Portal: Non-Health NZ Health and Disability workers

Reimbursement scheme of \$35 (plus GST) per vaccination for non-Health NZ Health and Disability employers who vaccinate their patient-facing staff against influenza.

The portal opens **1st April** and will close on **30 September.** 

Please see details on eligibility and find helpful resources on our website:

https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/for-healthprofessionals/clinical-guidance/diseasesand-conditions

### Flu provider support flyer

- Support flyer available in Immunisation Dropbox: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2hsxx62s">http://tinyurl.com/2hsxx62s</a>
- Information on NPHS initiatives (Flu Portal, Co-administration payments), and where to go to find collateral, clinical support, eligibility criteria for funded immunisation etc.

#### Health New Zealand



#### 26 February 2025

Dear Influenza Vaccination Provider

Last year collectively you administered 1.16 million doses of influenza vaccine from April to September 2024, an outstanding achievement. As you will be aware, immunising 95% of tamariki by 2030 is one of the five health target initiatives. Health targets are important as they support Health New Zealand and its partners to focus efforts to provide better health outcomes and improve health services for everyone. Whilst influenza vaccination is not directly linked to the health targets, it is an opportunity to connect with wider whansu on the importance of immunisation, especially those at higher risk; kaumatus, hapû mama and young pêpi.

A reminder as we start seeing the usual winter coughs and colds that a runny nose is NOT a reason to delay childhood immunisations. Whänau should be reassured that in most cases, unless their pēply tamariki has a temperature over 38°C or an acute systemic illness, the immunisation can proped.

We have prepared the following items to support you during the 2025 influenza vaccine season.

#### Sector Support items

#### Flu Portal Reimbursement Scheme

NPHS will once again, reimburse non-Health New Zealand Health and Disability employers up to \$35 + GST for vaccinating their frontline staff via the portal (open from 1 April to 30 September).

Employees must satisfy all the following criteria:

- · not be employed by Health New Zealand
- · provide a health and/or disability service
- · have direct patient/client contact.
- · are not eligible for a publicly funded influenza vaccine

Further information for employers can be found at tewhatuora.govt.nz/influenza

#### Collateral

You can access immunisation posters, leaflets, the consent form and post vaccination flyers via the following links:

- Immunisation Dropbox: tinyurl.com/2hsxx62s
- · HealthEd: healthed.govt.nz
- Bluestar from the end of March: portal.bluestar.co.nz/login/moh\_vaccine

# Ngā mihi nui