



Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Use in the Region of the Americas, 2008

Country	Year of Vaccine Introduction	Children	Older Adults	Other Risk Groups				
				Health workers	Chronic diseases	Pregnant Women	Poultry Workers	Other
Anguilla	2005		✓ ^A	✓				
Antigua and Barbuda	2007	6-35m	≥60y					
Argentina	1993	6-23m ^B	≥65y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^C
Aruba	NA							
Bahamas	2005	6m-5y	≥65y	✓	✓	✓		
Barbados	2006		✓ ^D	✓				✓ ^E
Belize	2008	6m-23m	≥65 y	✓	✓			
Bermuda	1970s	6m-18y	≥60y	✓	✓	✓		✓ ^G
Bolivia	NA							
Brazil	1999		≥60y	✓	✓			✓ ^H
British Virgin Islands	2007	>3y	≥65y	✓	✓ ^I			✓ ^J
Canada	1970s	6-23m	≥65y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^K
Cayman Islands	1990	6-23m	≥50y	✓	✓	✓		✓ ^L
Chile	1975	6-23 m	≥60 y	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^N
Colombia	2005	6-23 m	≥65 y	✓	✓			
Costa Rica	2004	6m-8y ^O	≥65y	✓	✓			
Cuba	1998	<24 y ^P	≥65y	✓	✓		✓	
Dominica	NA							
Dominican Republic	2006	6-23 m	≥50 y	✓	✓		✓	✓ ^Q
Ecuador	2006	6-23m	≥65y	✓				
El Salvador	2004	6-23 m	≥60y	✓	✓			
Grenada	2007	6m-5y	≥60y	✓			✓	
Guatemala	2007		≥60 y ^R	✓				
Guyana	NA							
Haiti	NA							
Honduras	2003	>6m ^S	≥60 y ^T	✓			✓	
Jamaica	2006	6m-5y ^U	≥60y ^V	✓				
Mexico	2004	6-35m, 3-9y ^W	≥60y	✓	✓			
Montserrat	2007	<9y		✓				✓ ^X
Netherlands Antilles (Bonaire)	2007	✓ ^Y	≥65y		✓			
Nicaragua	2007	6-23 m ^Z	≥65y ^{A1}					
Panama	2005	6-23 m	≥60 y	✓	✓		✓	
Paraguay	2005	6-23 m	≥60 y	✓	✓		✓	
Peru	2008			✓				
St. Kitts	NA							
St. Lucia	2006		≥65y	✓	✓			
St. Vincent	NA							



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Suriname	NA							
Trinidad and Tobago	2007	6-23m	≥60y	✓	✓		✓	✓ ^{A2}
Turks and Caicos	2006	6m-5y	≥60y	✓	✓			
USA	1940s	6m-18y	≥50	✓	✓	✓		✓ ^{A4}
Uruguay	1996	6-23 m, >23 m ^{A5}	≥65y	✓	✓		✓	
Venezuela	2006	6-23 m	≥60y	✓	✓			

Source: Country and territory reports to PAHO.

A,B. With chronic disease; C. Essential services, security forces and educators; D. The elderly in institutions; E. Military and front line staff; F. Coverage in 2006 is for populations ≥65y; G. Others includes children on aspirin therapy, essential workers, travelers, close contacts or caregivers of individuals with chronic disease and individuals living in crowded conditions; H. Indigenous population including population >6m and incarcerated populations; I. Renal dysfunction. J. Residents of nursing homes; K. Residents of nursing homes, those in contact with populations at high risk for influenza complications, those who provide essential community services, anyone else aged 2-64 years should be encouraged to get vaccinated; L. Police and fire, children <6m who are at high risk for complications, individuals caring for babies <6 months; M. Those older than 65; N. Egg producers; O. With chronic disease; P. With asthma/diabetes; Q. Public safety workers; R. In institutions; S. With chronic disease; T. ≥60y in 2008, ≥65y in 2006 and 2007; U,V,W. With chronic disease; X. High risk workers; Y,Z,A1. With chronic disease; A2. National security; A3. Coverage data are from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) for the 2006-2007 season; A4. People in contact with those at high risk and all persons who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting it to others; A5. With chronic disease.

Annex 1. Questionnaire sent to national authorities to update information regarding seasonal influenza vaccination.



Update on the Status of Influenza Vaccination

1. Country																
2. Year of vaccine introduction																
Public sector																
Private sector																
Both																
3. Formulation used																
Northern strain																
Southern strain																
4. Time of the year of campaign																
5. Does the country buy the vaccine through the Revolving Fund?																
Yes																
No																
6. Risk groups →								7. Coverage achieved in each group (%)								
								2004	2005	2006	2007					
<i>Children</i>																
6-23 months																
6 months-5 years																
<9 years																
Children only with chronic disease																
Adults ≥50 años																
Adults ≥60 años																
Adults ≥65 años																
Adults with chronic disease																
Health workers																
Bird farmers																
Pregnant women																
Other																
8. Criteria used for the introduction of the vaccine																
Cost-effectiveness studies																
Political decision																
Justification due to morbidity/mortality																
Other																
9. Has the country conducted an impact evaluation on the use of the vaccine?																
Yes, when?																
No																
10. Does the country plan to conduct an impact evaluation on the use of the vaccine?																
Yes, when?																
No																
10. Other comments																