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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) Local Health Departments (LHDs) and

State Operated Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Centers (ADATC)

**FROM:** Wendy Holmes, RN, Head W

Immunization Branch

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Adult Flu Vaccine

The purpose of this memo is to announce the availability of supplemental flu vaccine for adults and to provide important details on ordering information.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is making available additional doses of flu vaccine for the intent to increase coverage rates among adults during the COVID-19 pandemic. This vaccine is <u>only being offered for the 2020-2021 flu season</u> and will serve to augment existing provider stock. Please take time to carefully read this memo in full.

Supplemental adult flu vaccine can be administered to any adult, 19 years of age and older, regardless of insurance status. However, the primary focus should be on individuals who are at high risk for complications of flu and who are experiencing access to care barriers (e.g. uninsured, no primary care provider, etc.) that could otherwise potentially impact their ability to receive the vaccine elsewhere. Priority should also include high-risk essential workers, such as migrant farmworkers and those in the meatpacking industry. Patients receiving care within an NC ADATC facility are also considered to be high risk for transmission and are eligible for state-supplied flu vaccine for the 2020-2021 flu season.

The table below indicates the products allocated for this initiative. Please note, each product is subject to availability with some formulations shipped late November through early January.

Manufacturer	Brand / Description	NDC	Estimated Shipping Timelines
AstraZeneca	FluMist® Quad	66019- 0307-10	November
GSK	Fluarix® Quad SYR FluLaval Quad SYR	58160- 0885-52 19515- 0816-52	November - December

Seqirus USA, Inc	Afluria® Quad SYR	33332- 0320-01	
			November - December
	Flucelvax Quad	70461-	
	SYR	0320-03	
	Flucelvax Quad	70461-	
	MDV	0420-10	
Sanofi Pasteur	Fluzone® Quad	49281-	
	SYR	0420-50	
	Fluzone® Quad	49281-	Late
	MDV	0633-15	November - Early January

NOTE: The information in the table above represents estimates from the manufacturers. Timing is subject to change based on factors such as production yields and the timing of vaccine lot releases.

Orders must be submitted via the NCIR. Orders should be based on planned needs and ability to store according to the NCIP storage and handling guidelines.

The <u>supplemental coverage criteria</u> has been updated to reflect expansion of flu vaccine to adults, and is available here: <a href="https://immunization.ncpublichealth.com/providers/coveragecriteria.htm">https://immunization.ncpublichealth.com/providers/coveragecriteria.htm</a> has been updated to reflect expansion of flu vaccine to adults.

Information on flu vaccine availability for children (6 months – 18 years of age) who are Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible, uninsured pregnant women (19 years of age and older), and individuals enrolled in the Be Smart Family Planning Program (regardless of age) can be found in the NCIP annual flu ordering memo dated August 20, 2020

https://immunize.nc.gov/memos/2020.08.21 flu memo lhds rhcs fqhcs final.pdf.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Immunization Branch Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247, and press option 6.

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