



## 2021 WA GOVERNMENT-FUNDED INFLUENZA IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

### Re: Information for GPs regarding pre-allocation and vaccine ordering

We thank all providers for their cooperation with WA Health and WAPHA regarding the pre-allocation period and the process has worked well to provide equitable and predictable access to government-funded influenza vaccines for persons aged 65 years and over.

To allow practices to have more flexibility, from today Monday 12 April 2021, practices will begin to order influenza vaccines through the standard [WA Health vaccine ordering system](#).

Please be aware, quantity limits will continue to apply to ensure equitable access to all providers, and while all vaccine products continue to arrive at the WA warehouse.

### What you need to do

- When placing new orders, please review your order history, and consider your stock on hand, fridge capacity, and forthcoming COVID-19 vaccines, particularly when ordering Fludax® Quad (for persons aged 65 years and over).
- Please always check your practice's email account for order confirmation emails generated automatically from the WA Health vaccine distribution system, that notify your practice that the order is packed and ready for distribution.
- **If at any point you cannot receive your delivery of influenza vaccines** (due to a cold chain incident, or are closed on your routine delivery day), we request that you **immediately contact** [vaccineorders@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:vaccineorders@health.wa.gov.au). You can on-forward the automated email with your order details that you wish to defer or cancel.

### Important information related to vaccine management

- We urge you not to book your influenza vaccination clinic appointments until you have received your vaccines.
- Please ensure that you renew your Poisons Permit when prompted to do so.
- For further information, please refer to the [WA Immunisation Schedule](#).

WA Health will contact you with further updates as necessary when key information becomes available.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to protecting Western Australians from influenza.

Yours sincerely

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