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Dear Immunisation Provider,

**RE: UPDATE ON THE 2026 INFLUENZA VACCINE PROGRAMS**

Today, the Cook Government announced the State Government [2026 Winter Strategy](#).

The Western Australia Department of Health (the Department) can confirm the following programs will be implemented through the Winter Strategy:

**1. 2026 Free Influenza Vaccine Program**

As in previous years, this program provides free influenza vaccines for those aged 12 to 64 years who are not otherwise eligible for a free influenza vaccine through the National Immunisation Program. The program will commence on 1 May and conclude on 30 June 2026.

As advised in communications sent on 7 November 2025, the Department has procured influenza vaccines for this program, and as such, providers do not need to order private influenza vaccines for use during the Program period (i.e. May and June 2026). If you anticipate that you will require influenza vaccine stock for use outside the Program period, please order via your usual wholesaler or manufacturers directly. The Department will not be offering reimbursement for any privately-purchased influenza vaccines.

**2. 2026 WA Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Program**

Children aged 2 to 11 years will be eligible for a free FluMist vaccine, an intranasal live-attenuated influenza vaccine. This program will commence in mid April and conclude on 31 July 2026.

FluMist has a very short shelf life of less than 14-weeks. The Department will be undertaking a pre-allocation of doses to eligible immunisation providers across the state at the beginning of the Program to ensure equitable distribution and management of stock. Once the pre-allocation is complete, providers with a vaccine ordering account can order the vaccines through Onelink, the online vaccine ordering system. Due to its short shelf life, the Department does not want any doses to expire before being administered, and thus all providers must ensure that they will use all ordered doses. Ordering limits will be in place for FluMist.

For more information and support:

- Subscribe to [Vaccine updates](#) (external site) for further program announcements and notifications.
- Ensure that your Onelink account has the correct correspondence details so that you don't miss important updates about these programs.

Further updates to the 2026 Influenza Vaccine Programs will be made available in March, including via the Influenza Update information session on 25 March.

Thank you for your continued support of the WA Immunisation Program.

Yours sincerely,



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