

Influenza Vaccine Dosage and Administration

Brand Name	Age	Dosage to be given	Presentation	Route –Site
INFLUVAC / VAXIGRIP	6months through 35months	0.25 ml (A 2 nd dose is recommended after 4 weeks of the first(initial influenza vaccine dose) dose followed by yearly 1 dose)	*0.5 ml pre-filled syringe / 0.25 ml pre-filled syringe	Intramuscular or deep subcutaneous injection
	3 years through 8 years	0.5 ml (A 2 nd dose is recommended after 4 weeks of the initial dose of vaccine followed by yearly 1 dose)	0.5 ml pre-filled syringe	Intramuscular or deep subcutaneous Injection
	9 years and above	0.5 ml Annually	0.5 ml pre-filled syringe	Intramuscular or deep subcutaneous Injection

Note:

- **INFLUVAC or VAXIGRIP should NOT be given below 6 months**
- INFLUVAC or VAXIGRIP vaccines can be given at any stage of Pregnancy
- INFLUVAC or VAXIGRIP vaccines can be given during breastfeeding
- Injection packaged as single-use vials never be used for more than one patient
- Absolute adherence to proper infection control practices should be maintained during the preparation and administration of injected medications
- For children from 6 months up to 9 years of age who have not previously been vaccinated, a second dose may be given after an interval of at least four weeks.
- The vaccine provides protection against the strains of flu virus used to prepare the vaccine.
- It usually takes 2 to 3 weeks for the protection against these viruses to be effective, and the protection lasts for 6 to 12 months. Annual vaccination is necessary to make sure you are covered for the new virus strains that are expected each year.