



## WA HEALTH PHARMACIST INFLUENZA VACCINATION TRIAL UPDATE – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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### KEY MESSAGES

- If your pharmacy registered for the [Pharmacist Influenza Vaccination Trial](#) in 2020 you are required to report all instances of patient immunisation to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).
- As per the terms and conditions of registering for the trial, Western Australia Department of Health (WA DoH) requires you to report ALL your NIP-funded vaccine wastage.
- This includes vaccines wasted due to cold chain breaches, vaccine expiry, or user error.
- Flud® Quad is due to expire in December 2020 or January 2021 depending on the batch number.
- All cold chain breaches must be reported to your Regional Immunisation Coordinator, as per the [WA Cold Chain Protocol](#).

If you participated in the Pharmacist Influenza Vaccination Trial, this is a reminder about the Flud® Quad reporting requirements.

Firstly, as per the WA Health [Structured Administration and Supply Arrangements](#) under which pharmacists are authorised to provide vaccinations, you are required to report all immunisations to the [Australian Immunisation Register \(AIR\)](#). Please check that all vaccines you administered have been recorded in the AIR.

Secondly, as per the terms and conditions of registering for the Pharmacist Influenza Vaccination Trial in 2020, Western Australia Department of Health (WA DoH) requires you to report ALL your NIP-funded vaccine wastage.

#### ***Flud® Quad expiry***

Depending on the batch you were distributed, will be due to expire either in December 2020 or January 2021. You are required to report all doses that are discarded due to expiry.

WA DoH recommends that you retain your vaccines until the date of expiry, following which the vaccines may be discarded. WA DoH reminds you that the vaccines continue to be effective until the date of expiry. Please note that the expiry date is printed on the vaccine vial.

WA DoH takes this opportunity to remind you that it is *essential* to check the date of expiry on the vial prior to each instance of vaccine administration.

#### ***Reporting vaccine wastage due to expiry***

- If you discard vaccine due to expiry, please utilise the [National Immunisation Program \(NIP\) Vaccine Expiry Reporting Form for Community Pharmacies](#)

**Reporting vaccine wastage due to cold chain breach or 'other' reason**

- If you discard your vaccines following a cold chain breach due to user error or any other reason, please use this [Influenza Vaccine Cold Chain Breach and Incident Report Form](#).

**WA Cold Chain Protocol**

- If a vaccine experiences a [cold chain breach](#), you must report this to your local [Public Health Unit](#) as per the [WA Cold Chain Protocol](#). If the Regional Immunisation Coordinator recommends the vaccines are to be discarded, then please report using the [Influenza Vaccine Cold Chain Breach and Incident Report Form](#).
- For more information regarding Cold Chain Management please visit the WA DoH [website](#).

If you have already discarded 2020 Fludax® Quad vaccines, please follow the processes described above to report vaccine wastage.

Please contact [doh.pivt@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:doh.pivt@health.wa.gov.au) if you have further queries.



Please contact your relevant [Public Health Unit](#) if you have any queries regarding the WA Cold Chain Protocol.

Yours sincerely,

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