



Dear Pharmacy,

2021 Pharmacist-administered influenza vaccination program

Important update regarding Fluad® Quad pre-allocation period and vaccine ordering

We would like to provide you with the following updates regarding Fluad® Quad vaccine pre-allocation and vaccine ordering.

Pre-allocation

- The pharmacy pre-allocation process will cease (**Monday 26 April 2021**).
- The pre-allocation process has worked well ensuring that pharmacists have had equitable and predictable access to government-funded influenza vaccines for persons aged 65 years and over.
- We thank all pharmacies for their cooperation with WA Health regarding the pre-allocation period.

Ordering update

- From **Tuesday 27 April 2021**, community pharmacies will be able to order Fluad® Quad vaccines from Sigma Healthcare to allow more flexibility over their vaccine supply.
- Place your Fluad® Quad orders [here](#) via the Sigma Connect website.
- You do not have to re-register your details.
- If you experience issues ordering, please contact the customer service team from Sigma Healthcare on 1300 132 293.
- It is important for community pharmacies to order as needed for the remainder of April/ May, noting that weekly deliveries will be available with a restriction of 2x10 doses per week commencing from **Tuesday 27 April 2021**.
- If you do not have a Sigma account, you will be unable to order vaccines as the Sigma registration is now closed.

Important information related to vaccine management

- Please ensure that your site is compliant with the safe vaccine storage principles outlined in the [National Vaccine Storage Guidelines 'Strive for 5'](#).
- We urge you not to book your influenza vaccination appointments until you have received your vaccines.

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

Please contact doh.pivt@health.wa.gov.au if you have further queries.

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

Yours sincerely,

Immunisation, Surveillance and Disease Control.

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