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Every year, thousands of adults in the US become seriously ill and are hospitalized because of diseases vaccines can help to prevent.

- **Adults with chronic conditions like diabetes or heart disease are at greater risk for severe complications from certain vaccine-preventable diseases**
- Some vaccine-preventable diseases, like influenza, can make glucose control more difficult for diabetics or increase the risk of another heart attack for those with heart disease

While many serious diseases are no longer common in the US, these diseases still exist and can spread when children aren't vaccinated.

- The 2019 measles outbreaks are a reminder of how quickly these diseases can spread when children aren't vaccinated
- In addition, we still see many cases of pertussis. Since 2010, between 15,000 and 50,000 cases of whooping cough have been reported each year in the US

During the COVID-19 pandemic, reducing the overall burden of respiratory illnesses is important to protect vulnerable populations at risk for severe illness, the healthcare system, and other critical infrastructure. Routine annual influenza vaccinations for all persons aged greater than 6 months, who do not have contraindications, are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Resources

Healthcare professionals play a key role in educating parents and patients about the importance of vaccination.

- **It is important to ensure that patients are up to date on all vaccinations.**
- Even if your practice doesn't administer vaccines or stock certain vaccines, make a strong recommendation and refer patients to other vaccine providers. Follow up to ensure vaccination.

Pediatric patients → The immunization schedule is carefully designed to provide protection early, before children are exposed to potentially serious diseases. By ensuring your patients are vaccinated, you'll be protecting them from 16 serious diseases.

- See [link](#) to CDC immunization schedules reference
- See [link](#) to American Academy of Pediatrics campaign materials for vaccinations

CDC adult vaccine assessment tool → The CDC has provided a wealth of useful information for both patients and providers, including an adult vaccine assessment tool (see [link](#)). The assessment tool is a questionnaire that applies to adults 19 years or older and vaccines are recommended for adults based on age, health conditions, job, and other factors. (*Note: No personal information will be retained by CDC, per website*)

For further important information regarding vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the CDC website “Vaccination Guidance During a Pandemic” (see [link](#))

Infectious Diseases Society of America (**IDSA**) **COVID-19 poster for re-opening practice** (see [link](#))

REMINDER: NEQCA Pharmacists are available for:

- Medication-related questions (including vaccinations)
- Patient outreach via phone or video call (such as for inhaler technique counseling)
- Comprehensive medication reviews

Suppliers

The following information on manufacturers and distributors of influenza vaccine was **last updated on August 20, 2020**. Please visit websites listed for most up to date availability information.

| | Need to set up Account | URL | Notes |
|------------------------|--|---|--|
| AstraZeneca | Per website, order through McKesson or FFF Enterprises | https://www.flumistquadrivalenthcp.com/resources/how-to-order.html | FluMist Quadrivalent on shortage, manufacturer noted reduction in supply |
| FFE Enterprises | Yes | http://www.ffeenterprises.com/assets/downloads/FFF_ReferenceChart-Flu.pdf | Distribution company |
| GlaxoSmithKline | Yes | Website: https://gskpro.com/en-us/ Order Fluarix Quadrivalent: https://gskpro.com/en-us/products/fluarix-quadrivalent/ Order Flulaval Quadrivalent: https://gskpro.com/en-us/products/flulaval-quadrivalent/ | Fluarix and Flulaval Quadrivalent |
| Sanofi Pasteur | Yes | Website: https://sanofiflu.com/ Account: https://www.vaccineshoppe.com/ | Fluzone high-dose Quadrivalent, Flublok Quadrivalent, and Fluzone Quadrivalent |
| Seqirus | Yes | https://flu.seqirus.com/all-products | Fluad, Flucelvax, Afluria |

Influenza Vaccinations – Overview, Procurement, and Availability
As of August 20, 2020

Massachusetts Independent and Retail Pharmacies

The following chart provides vaccine availability information **as of August 20, 2020**, to various independent and retail pharmacies. The NEQCA pharmacy team will periodically update content, however, **for most up to date information, please contact the desired pharmacy.**

| Town | Pharmacy Name | Phone Number | Influenza Vaccine Available in Pharmacy | Other Vaccines Available in Pharmacy |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---|---|
| Acton | Acton Pharmacy | 978-263-3901 | X | Pneumococcal, Shingles, TDAP |
| Allston | Central Pharmacy | 617-254-5900 | X | Pneumococcal, Shingles |
| Boston | Eaton Apothecary | 617-268-9500 | X | N/A |
| Boston | Fenway Pharmacy | 617-927-6330 | X | N/A |
| Boston | Gary Drug Company | 617-227-0023 | X | Shingles |
| Brighton | Health First Pharmacy | 617-206-3233 | X | Pneumococcal, Shingles |
| Brockton | Apothecare | 508-588-6800 | X | Hepatitis A/B, HPV, Meningococcal, Pneumococcal, Shingles |
| Brockton | Eaton Apothecary | 508-580-3000 | X | N/A |
| Cambridge | Inman Pharmacy | 617-876-4868 | X | Hepatitis A/B, Pneumococcal, Shingles |
| Dorchester | Maxim Pharmacy | 617-282-9800 | X | Hep B, Meningococcal, MMR, Pneumococcal, Shingles, TDAP |
| Fall River | Walsh Pharmacy | 508-679-1300 | X <i>(pending shipment)</i> | Hepatitis A/B, HPV, Meningococcal, Pneumococcal, Shingles |
| Lowell | Eaton Apothecary | 978-459-9500 | X | Hepatitis A/B, HPV, Meningococcal, Pneumococcal, TDAP, Shingles |
| Lynn | Flag Pharmacy | 781-599-5900 | X <i>(pending shipment)</i> | Pneumococcal, Shingles |
| Marblehead | Village Pharmacy of Marblehead | 781-631-8100 | X | Hepatitis B, Pneumococcal, Shingles, Tetanus |
| Marlborough | Bouvier Pharmacy | 508-485-0432 | X <i>(typically on Saturdays)</i> | Shingles |
| Needham | Bird's Hill Pharmacy | 781-449-0550 | X <i>(pending shipment)</i> | N/A |
| Roslindale | Sullivan's Pharmacy | 617-323-6544 | X | TDAP |

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|----------------|----------------------|--------------|---|---|
| South Weymouth | Olden's Pharmacy INC | 781-337-0187 | X | Pneumococcal, Shingles, Tetanus |
| Springfield | Big Y Foods Pharmacy | 413-783-0105 | X | Shingles |
| Sudbury | Sudbury Pharmacy | 978-443-6311 | X | Shingles |
| Townsend | McNabb Pharmacy | 978-597-2392 | X | Hepatitis B, Shingles, Tetanus |
| Wakefield | Smith Drug Store | 781-245-0380 | X <i>(Humana not accepted)</i> | Pneumococcal, Shingles |
| Waltham | Hannaford Pharmacy | 781-642-7416 | X | Hepatitis A/B, Pneumococcal, Shingles |
| Whitman | Duval's Pharmacy | 781-447-0606 | X <i>(pending shipment)</i> | Shingles |
| | CVS | | X | Hepatitis A/B, HPV, MMR, Pneumococcal, Shingles, TDAP, Varicella <i>(Varies by location, call to confirm)</i> |
| | Walgreens | | X | Hepatitis A/B, HPV, Meningococcal, MMR, Pneumococcal, Shingles, TDAP, Varicella <i>(Varies by location, call to confirm)</i> |

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