

**Influenza Vaccine Campaign 2020-2021: Bulletin #4 Status Update**

We are now five weeks into the current influenza vaccination campaign, and want to thank everyone for the continued efforts in immunizing your communities. This season has seen an unprecedented demand for flu vaccine, with over 500,000 doses of Vancouver Coastal's total allocation distributed to date. As a result, we do not have the supply to distribute any further vaccine to community providers at this time.

We fully acknowledge that many of you have been requesting more vaccine without success; we have unfilled order requests exceeding 50,000 doses. The next shipment is scheduled to arrive in late November or early December, but this will not meet the demand of current outstanding orders.

Here are the current recommendations:

1. Please review the amount and type of influenza vaccine available in your inventory. Many of these products can be used across different age groups. Please use them liberally as per the product monograph and the influenza quick reference shared previously.
2. Do not book new influenza appointments in excess of product you have on hand.
3. Please do not contact your local health unit, as they will not be able to assist you. If you need to contact us directly, please reach out to [CDCVaccines@vch.ca](mailto:CDCVaccines@vch.ca).

As we receive more vaccine in the coming months, recommendations will change accordingly.

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