

Vaccine ID:

Name:

Influenza

Pathogen:

Influenza viruses

Class:

Killed

Produced from:

Embryonated hens' eggs

Inactivation:

Formaldehyde with or without ultraviolet light treatment

Adjuvants:

None

Schedule:

Annual. It's recommended to give children their first seasonal flu vaccination after 6 months of age

Contains:

Three-four strains of Influenza. The composition of strains is adjusted yearly.

7.5-15 micrograms of HA protein for each strain.

Depending on the manufacturer vaccines can contain residual egg protein (be aware of your allergy status!) and other residual contaminants.



Approval date:

The first civilian use influenza vaccine was licensed in 1945 and contained two strains, one influenza type A and one influenza type B.

Nowadays, the majority of flu shots contain three strains, however in recent years some vaccines contain 4 flu strains.