

ADDENDUM
National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI)
Statement on Influenza Vaccination for the 2007-2008 Season
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To the section entitled “Administration of Influenza Vaccine: Dosage Schedule”, on page 16, a sentence has been added (as shown in bold in the paragraph below and as part of the asterisked paragraph following the table), and should read as follows:

The recommended dosage schedule and type of influenza vaccine are presented in Table 2. Influenza vaccines available in Canada are available as split-virus or inactivated subunit preparations. Two products (Vaxigrip[®], Fluviral S/F[®]) are split-virus vaccines that are treated with an organic solvent to remove surface glycoproteins, producing a split virus resulting in reduced vaccine reactogenicity. Influvac[™] is a surface antigen, trivalent, inactivated subunit vaccine, which is currently approved for use among persons ≥ 18 years of age. Each 0.5 mL dose of vaccine contains 15 μg of hemagglutinin of each antigen. Children < 9 years of age require two doses of influenza vaccine given 4 weeks apart if they have received one or no doses in the previous influenza season. **Eligible children who are entering their third or more year of being vaccinated and who received only 1 dose in each of their first 2 years of being vaccinated, can receive a single annual dose. In other words, if a child has had a single dose of vaccine in any previous 2 or more years, whether consecutive or not, then only one dose is necessary subsequently.**

Immunization with currently available influenza vaccines is not recommended for infants < 6 months of age.

Table 2 Recommended influenza vaccine dosage, by age, for the 2007-2008 season			
Age	Vaccine type	Dose (mL)	No. of doses
6-35 months	Split-virus	0.25	1 or 2*
3-8 years	Split-virus	0.5	1 or 2*
≥ 9 years	Split-virus	0.5	1
≥ 18 years	subunit, or split virus	0.5	1

* Children under 9 years old require two doses of influenza vaccine given 4 weeks apart if they have received one or no doses in the previous influenza season. However, **eligible children who are entering their third or more year of being vaccinated and who received only 1 dose in each of their first 2 years of being vaccinated, can receive a single annual dose. In other words, if a child has had a single dose of vaccine in any previous 2 or more years, whether consecutive or not, then only one dose is necessary subsequently.**