

Influenza Virus Vaccine 2008-2009 Season

2008/2009 Season Lot Release Status (as of November 19, 2008)

Flu vaccine lots that have been released by FDA and are available for distribution by the manufacturers.

For information on flu vaccine distribution schedules, please contact the manufacturers directly.

Manufacturer	Trade Name	Total Number of Lots Released by FDA
CSL Limited Parkville Victoria, Australia License 1764	Afluria	41
GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals Rue de l'Institut 89 B1330 Rixensart Belgium License 1617	Fluarix	28
ID Biomedical Corporation of Quebec 525 Cartier Blvd, West Laval, Quebec 87V 3S8 Canada License 1739	Flulaval	42
MedImmune 297 North Bernardo Ave Mountain View, CA 94043 License 1652	FluMist	45
Novartis Vaccine Gaskill Road, Speke Liverpool L24 9GR United Kingdom License 1750	Fluvirin	48
Sanofi Pasteur Inc Discovery Drive Swiftwater, PA 18370 License 1725	Fluzone	85

FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) met in Gaithersburg, Maryland, on February 21, 2008, to select the influenza virus strains for the composition of the influenza vaccine for use in the 2008-2009 U.S. influenza season. During this meeting, the advisory panel reviewed and evaluated the surveillance data related to epidemiology and antigenic characteristics, serological responses to 2007/2008 vaccines, and the availability of candidate strains and reagents.

The panel recommended that vaccines to be used in the 2008-2009 influenza season in the U.S. contain the following:

- an A/Brisbane/59/2007 (H1N1)-like virus;
- an A/Brisbane/10/2007 (H3N2)-like virus; *
- a B/Florida/4/2006-like virus. #

* A/Brisbane/10/2007 is a current southern hemisphere vaccine virus.

#B/Florida/4/2006 and B/Brisbane/3/2007 (a B/Florida/4/2006-like virus) are current southern hemisphere

vaccine viruses.

The influenza vaccine composition to be used in the 2008-2009 influenza season in the U.S. is identical to that recommended by the World Health Organization on February 14, 2008, for the Northern Hemisphere's 2008-2009 influenza season.

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- [Influenza Virus Vaccine \(Fluarix\)](#)
- [Influenza Virus Vaccine \(FluLaval\)](#)
- [Influenza Virus Vaccine Live, Intranasal \(FluMist\)](#)
- [Influenza Virus Vaccine \(Fluvirin\)](#)
- [Influenza Virus Vaccine \(Fluzone\)](#)

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