

For children less than 9 years of age who are receiving flu vaccine for the first time two doses of LAIV should be given 6-10 weeks apart.

Storage and Handling

LAIV must be stored and maintained continuously at 5 degrees Fahrenheit or colder-similar to varicella vaccine. LAIV should be stored in a regular household, frost-free freezer unit-it cannot be stored in a dormitory style freezer. LAIV may be thawed in a refrigerator at 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit for up to 60 hours. Vaccine stored at 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit that is not used within 60 hours must be discarded in an impenetrable sharps container.

Please note providers who place an order for LAIV will receive a confirmation phone call from MedImmune prior to the vaccine being shipped. LAIV will be offered in addition to the other influenza formulations previously mentioned:

Manufacturer	Vaccine	Formulation	Thimerosal	Age Indication
Sanofi Pasteur	Fluzone	.25 ml syringe	None	6-35 months
	Fluzone	.5 ml syringe or vial	None	3 years and older
	Fluzone	Multi-dose vial	Yes	6 months and older
Novartis	Fluvirin	Multi-dose vial	Yes	4 years and older
MedImmune	FluMist	.5 ml single-dose	None	Healthy 5-49 year olds

Please use the enclosed vaccine order form for LAIV. We will be updating the long version of the vaccine order form within the next few months and that new version will include LAIV. We have also included the Vaccine Information Statement for LAIV as well an updated Vaccine Eligibility Criteria for your records. As always, if you have any questions please call the State Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.

Age Group	Dosage	No. of Doses	Route
6-35 months	0.25 mL	1 or 2*	IM
3-8 years	0.50 mL	1 or 2*	IM
9 years and older	0.50 mL	1	IM

* 2 doses administered at least 1 month apart are recommended for children younger than 9 who are receiving influenza vaccine for the first time.