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## **Influenza Vaccination at Mayo Clinic Seasonal Flu Vaccine Available**

Mayo Clinic has a limited supply of seasonal flu vaccine available for primary care patients. Call your primary care provider to schedule an appointment.

Eligible for seasonal vaccine appointment now:

- All children 6 months old to 35 months old
- Healthy children and adults 3 years old to 49 years old, who are not pregnant

Not eligible for seasonal vaccine appointment now:

- Children and adults 3 years to 49 years old with chronic medical conditions
- Pregnant women
- Adults 50 and older

Second dose. Children age 8 and younger who are receiving seasonal flu vaccine for the first time this year need two doses of vaccine separated by at least 4 weeks. Children eligible for a second dose now:

- All children 6 months old to 35 months old
- Healthy children 3 years old to 8 years old

### Frequently Asked Questions about Seasonal Flu Vaccine

#### **Why is seasonal flu vaccine available for all children under 3 years old, but only for healthy children 3 and older?**

Eligibility is determined by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines and the type of vaccine that Mayo receives. We have a limited amount of injectable vaccine, which we have allocated for the youngest patients, including those who have underlying medical conditions. We have more doses of nasal mist vaccine available. Nasal mist vaccine is suitable for healthy patients ages 2 to 49.

#### **When will seasonal flu vaccine be available for everyone?**

We anticipate additional shipments of seasonal flu vaccine later this month. Availability will be announced via the media and on [mayoclinic.org](http://mayoclinic.org). We expect to receive enough vaccine over the next weeks and months so that we will be able to vaccinate all local Mayo Clinic patients who want to be vaccinated.