



VERMONT IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY

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Influenza Code Frequently Asked Questions

The CDC has recently made some changes in the codes for Influenza vaccine that may have an effect on what you see in the Registry. The Immunization Grid currently lists the three most likely influenza vaccines a patient might receive this year:

- Influenza Inactivated
- Influenza Inactivated Preservative Free
- Influenza Live Intranasal

Why do some records show that a patient received “Influenza inactivated [retired]”?

Until September 2010, there was one “behind the scenes” code for an intramuscular Influenza vaccine, regardless of whether the vaccine used was preservative free or not. In the IMR, we actually collected this information as two different vaccines, but it all was connected to the single code. Now the CDC has issued new codes, one for preservative free and one not. We’ve “retired” the old codes, as they requested.

These are the codes we don’t use anymore:

- Influenza Inactivated [retired]
- Influenza Inactivated Preservative Free [retired]

If someone’s record shows they received a retired vaccination last year, what does that mean?

It just means that information was entered into the system under the old code. There is no difference in terms of vaccine scheduling, and you do not need to do anything to change that. It still indicates they received the immunization.

If I am entering an influenza immunization for someone today, how do I choose which Influenza vaccine to record?

Please choose one of these three if you can:

- Influenza Inactivated
- Influenza Inactivated Preservative Free
- Influenza Live Intranasal

If you cannot tell what formulation the patient received, you may go to “Add a New Vaccine” section and choose Influenza, Unspecified Formulation. But it is best to record the specific vaccine if you know it.

Please do **NOT** enter any influenza vaccinations – even historical ones – using the codes that are retired. Questions? Call us at (888) 688-4667.