



**Countries Offering Influenza Vaccine in the Public Sector,  
by Year of Vaccine Introduction**

Country	Year of Introduction	Target Population	2004 Coverage	2005 Coverage
Bermuda	1970's	Persons 6 months to 18 years with chronic disease	n.a.	n.a.
		Children 6 months to 5 years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons ≥50 years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons ≥65 years	59%	64%
		Persons with chronic diseases	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
		Pregnant women (>10 weeks)	n.a.	n.a.
Chile	1975	Persons ≥65 years	97%	95%
		Persons with chronic diseases	100%	100%
		Pregnant women	58%	94%
		Health workers	100%	100%
		Children 6 months to 5 years with chronic disease	n.a.	n.a.
Cayman Islands	1990	Children 6 months to 5 years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons ≥50 years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons with chronic diseases	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
		Pregnant women <sup>a</sup>	n.a.	n.a.
Argentina	1993	Persons ≥65 years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons with chronic diseases	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
Cuba	1998	Persons ≥60 years in homes	100%	100%
		Persons ≥85 years	n.a.	100%
		Persons with chronic disease	100%	100%
		Health workers in National Reference Laboratory	100%	100%
		Persons working with birds	100%	100%
		Persons with HIV	100%	100%
		Persons with physical/mental disability	100%	100%
		Other groups	100%	100%
Uruguay	1998	Children 6 months to 24 months	15%	<15%
		Children >24 months with risk factors	n.a.	n.a.
		Older adults	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons with chronic diseases	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
		Pregnant women	n.a.	n.a.
Brazil	1999	Persons ≥60 years	91%	88%
		Persons with chronic diseases	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
		Other risk groups (including indigenous and incarcerated)	n.a.	n.a.
Netherland Antilles (Saba)	1999	Persons ≥65 years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons with chronic disease	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
		Pregnant women	n.a.	n.a.
British Virgin Islands	2000	Elderly home residents	<33%	0%
		Persons with renal dysfunction	90%	90%
Honduras	2003	Children 6 to 23 months with chronic disease	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons ≥60 years	100%	100%
		Health workers	100%	100%
		Persons working in poultry farms	n.a.	100%
Costa Rica	2004	Children 6 months to 5 years with chronic diseases	88%	n.a.
		Persons ≥65 years	98%	n.a.
El Salvador	2004	Children 6 to 23 months	70% <sup>b</sup>	77% <sup>c</sup>
		Persons ≥60 years	99% <sup>b</sup>	96% <sup>c</sup>
		Persons with chronic diseases	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	85% <sup>b</sup>	n.a.



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Mexico	2004	Children 6 to 23 months	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons $\geq 60$ years	n.a.	70%
		Persons $\geq 65$ years	n.a.	85%
		Persons with chronic diseases	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
Anguilla	2005	Elderly with chronic diseases	n.a.	51%
		Health workers	n.a.	51%
Bahamas	2005	Children 6 months to 5 years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons $\geq 65$ years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons with chronic diseases	n.a.	n.a.
		Pregnant women	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
Colombia	2005	Children 6 to 23 months	n.a.	n.a.
		Children 6 to 18 months with respiratory disease or living in poor areas	n.a.	10%
		Persons $\geq 65$ years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons $\geq 65$ and institutionalized	n.a.	10%
Panama	2005	Children 7 to 23 months	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons $\geq 60$ years	n.a.	100%
		Persons with chronic disease	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.
Paraguay	2005	Persons $\geq 60$ years	n.a.	13%
		Persons with pulmonary disease	n.a.	23%
		Persons with cardiovascular disease	n.a.	8%
		Persons with diabetes	n.a.	32%
		Persons with renal dysfunction	n.a.	34%
		Persons with immunosuppressive disease	n.a.	6%
		Health workers	n.a.	36%
Bird breeders and persons providing essential services	n.a.	12%		
French Guiana	n.a.	Persons $\geq 65$ years	n.a.	n.a.
		Persons with chronic disease	n.a.	n.a.
		Health workers	n.a.	n.a.

n.a.: not available.

<sup>a</sup> on doctor's recommendation

<sup>b</sup> coverage assessed in January 2005

<sup>c</sup> coverage assessed in December 2005

Source: Country Reports to Immunization Unit, 2006; Canada and the United States are not included.