TABLE. Influenza vaccine information, by age group — United States, 2012–13 influenza season*

Vaccine	Trade name	Manufacturer	Presentation	Mercury content (μg Hg per 0.5 mL dose)	Ovalbumin content (μg per 0.5mL dose)†	Age group	No. of doses	Route
TIV	Fluzone	Sanofi Pasteur	0.25 mL prefilled syringe	0.0	—§	6–35 mos	1 or 2¶	IM**
			0.5 mL prefilled syringe	0.0	—§	≥36 mos	1 or 2¶	IM**
			0.5 mL vial	0.0	—§	≥36 mos	1 or 2¶	IM**
			5.0 mL multidose vial	25.0	—§	≥6 mos	1 or 2¶	IM**
TIV	Agriflu	Novartis Vaccines	0.5 mL prefilled syringe	0	<0.4	≥18 yrs	1	IM**
TIV	Fluvirin	Novartis Vaccines	0.5 mL prefilled syringe	≤1	≤1	≥4 yrs	1 or 2¶	IM**
			5.0 mL multidose vial	25.0	≤1			
TIV	Fluarix	GlaxoSmithKline	0.5 mL prefilled syringe	0	≤0.05	≥3 yrs	1 or 2¶	IM**
TIV	FluLaval	ID Biomedical Corporation of Quebec (distributed by GlaxoSmithKline)	5.0 mL multidose vial	<25.0	≤0.3	≥18 yrs	1	IM**
TIV	Afluria	CSL Biotherapies (distributed by Merck)	0.5 mL prefilled syringe	0.0	≤1	≥9 yrs††	1	IM**
			5.0 mL multidose vial	24.5	≤1			
TIV high- dose§§	Fluzone High-Dose	Sanofi Pasteur	0.5 mL prefilled syringe	0.0	—§	≥65 yrs	1	IM**
TIV intradermal¶¶	Fluzone Intradermal	Sanofi Pasteur	0.1 mL prefilled microinjection system	0.0 (per 0.1 mL)	—§	18–64 yrs	1	ID
LAIV	FluMist***	MedImmune	0.2 mL prefilled intranasal sprayer	0.0 (per 0.2 mL)	<0.24 (per 0.2mL)†††	2–49 yrs§§§	1 or 2¶	IN

Abbreviations: TIV = trivalent inactivated vaccine; LAIV = live-attenuated influenza vaccine; IM = intramuscular; ID = intradermal; IN = intranasal.

* Vaccination providers should consult Food and Drug Administration–approved prescribing information for 2012–13 influenza vaccines for the most updated information, including indications, contraindications, and precautions.

† Data on maximum ovalbumin content is supplied in package inserts of certain vaccines. Persons with a history of mild allergy to egg (specifically, those who experience only hives) should receive TIV with additional precautions (Figure 2).

§ Information is not included in package insert but is available upon request from the manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur, by contacting 1-800-822-2463 or mis.emails@sanofipasteur.com.

¶ Figure 1 describes two approaches for determining the number of doses needed for children aged 6 months through 8 years.

** For adults and older children, the recommended site of vaccination is the deltoid muscle. The preferred site for infants and young children is the anterolateral aspect of the thigh.

†† Age indication per package insert is ≥5 years; however, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that Afluria not be used in children aged 6 months through 8 years because of increased risk for febrile reactions noted in this age group with CSL's 2010 Southern Hemisphere TIV. If no other age-appropriate, licensed inactivated seasonal influenza vaccine is available for a child aged 5 through 8 years who has a medical condition that increases the child's risk for influenza complications, Afluria can be used; however, vaccination providers should discuss with the parents or caregivers the benefits and risks of influenza vaccination with Afluria before administering this vaccine. Afluria may be used in persons aged ≥9 years.

§§ A 0.5-mL dose contains 60 μg of each vaccine antigen (180 μg total).

¶¶ A 0.1-mL dose contains 9 μg of each vaccine antigen (27 μg total).

*** A new quadrivalent formulation of FluMist was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in February 2012. It is anticipated that this formulation will replace the currently available seasonal trivalent LAIV formulation for the 2013–14 season. FluMist is shipped refrigerated and stored in the refrigerator at 35°F–46°F (2°C–8°C) after arrival in the vaccination clinic. The dose is 0.2 mL divided equally between each nostril. Health-care providers should consult the medical record, when available, to identify children aged 2 through 4 years with asthma or recurrent wheezing that might indicate asthma. In addition, to identify children who might be at greater risk for asthma and possibly at increased risk for wheezing after receiving LAIV, parents or caregivers of children aged 2 through 4 years should be asked, "In the past 12 months, has a health-care provider ever told you that your child had wheezing or asthma?" Children whose parents or caregivers answer "yes" to this question and children who have asthma or who had a wheezing episode noted in the medical record within the past 12 months should not receive FluMist.

††† Insufficient data available for use of LAIV in egg-allergic persons.

§§§ Flumist is indicated for healthy, nonpregnant persons aged 2 through 49 years. Persons who care for severely immunosuppressed persons who require a protective environment should not receive FluMist given the theoretical risk for transmission of the live-attenuated vaccine virus.