

## Two strain changes announced for Australian seasonal influenza vaccines in 2019<sup>1</sup>

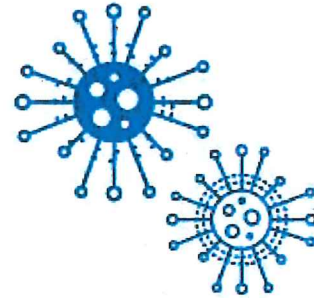
\*For egg based quadrivalent influenza vaccines

The Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee (AIVC), with consideration of the southern hemisphere recommendations provided by the World Health Organisation, decides the composition of the seasonal influenza vaccines to be supplied in Australia each year.<sup>2</sup>

Influenza activity varies from year to year and is dependent on the circulating virus. Protection against influenza requires annual vaccination with a vaccine containing the recommended strains for that particular influenza season.<sup>3</sup>

For the 2019 influenza season in Australia, the AIVC have announced that the following strains are recommended for all egg based quadrivalent influenza vaccines:

an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;  
an A/Switzerland/8060/2017 (H3N2)-like virus; **\*CHANGE\***  
a B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage);  
**\*CHANGE\*** and  
a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata/16/88 lineage).



2019 pack shot not yet available.

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