

Influenza vaccine medical contraindication form

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To whom it may concern

Request for access to a Residential Aged Care Facility (RACF) for reasons permitted under the Residential Aged Care Direction

I am a registered medical practitioner, and I certify that

(Individual Name) _____ **(Date of birth)** / /

has the following medical contraindication to this season's influenza vaccine:

- anaphylaxis following a previous dose of any influenza vaccine
- anaphylaxis following any component of an influenza vaccine*
- is within 1 week of receiving a COVID-19 vaccination
- history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome whose first episode occurred within 6 weeks of receiving an influenza vaccine
- is receiving cancer immuno-oncology therapies (also known as immune checkpoint inhibitors) – The patient has been advised to consult with their treating oncologist about the risks and benefits of influenza vaccination

and therefore, is not able to have an up-to-date vaccination against influenza prior to entry into a RACF.

Medical practitioner details (use official stamp if available)

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Provider number:

Signature:

The above list of contraindications is consistent with those listed in the Australian Immunisation Handbook.

Under the Residential Aged Care Direction issued by the Queensland Chief Health Officer, a person must not enter a residential aged care facility in Queensland if the person does not have an up to date vaccination against influenza, if the vaccination is available to that person.

Where the person has a medical certificate indicating a contraindication to vaccination (in line with the list above), or is observing the recommended waiting period between receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and the influenza vaccine, visits may be permitted. Additional precautions, including but not limited to face masks and physical distancing, are recommended.

* People with egg or latex allergy (including a history of anaphylaxis) can be safely vaccinated with egg-based influenza vaccines (Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation, Australian Immunisation Handbook, Australian Government Department of Health Canberra, 2018)

