

**SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE LEVEL ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST
CHAPTER 13: IMMUNISATION
NEMLC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEDICINE AMENDMENTS (2020)**

Medicine amendment recommendations, with supporting evidence and rationale are listed below.

Kindly review the medicine amendments in the context of the complete chapter for immunisation.

Note: The PHC chapter has been updated to align to previous NEMLC recommendations as well as the recent NEMLC-approved Adult Hospital Level STGs and EML, 2019 edition.

SECTION	MEDICINE	ADDED/DELETED/AMENDED
13.7 Other vaccines	Influenza vaccine, IM	Amended

13.7 OTHER VACCINES

Influenza vaccine: indications and contraindications amended

- Indications**

Prioritisation of risk groups are aligned with the most current National Influenza policy¹, but consideration of the current COVID-19 pandemic the following note was added to the STG text:

NOTE: Prioritisation strategies may vary in a pandemic.

- Contraindications**

As allergy to eggs is not an absolute contraindication, STG text was amended as follows:

- o Contraindication: severe egg allergy, age <6 months.

Level of Evidence: III Guidelines²

¹ National Department of Health: National Influenza Policy and Strategic Plan, 2017 to 2021
- Programme advised that updated policies are not routed through NAGI; NAGI to address this matter.

² SAMF, 2016