

2018 September 24

**Publicly-Funded Influenza Vaccines for Ontario this Season;  
Reporting Requirements; Ordering / Pick-Up & Delivery**

To All Health Care Providers and Agencies Administering Publicly-Funded Flu Vaccine:

- Fee-for-Service Providers and Family Health Teams (GPs, NPs)
- Prequalified Organizations: health care agencies [Bayshore, CBI, ParaMed]; retirement homes [Bayview, Quinte Gardens, Seasons]; educational institutions [Loyalist College, Albert College]
- Transfer Payment Organizations: long-term care homes; public hospitals [QHC Pharm; Occ Health]; LHINs; community health centres [Gateway, BQWCHC]
- Pharmacies with Trained Pharmacists (UIIP-approved)
- Pharmacies with Health Care Agencies

This memorandum is to provide you with the current information regarding the 2018-19 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP).

The official launch of the 2018-19 UIIP will occur **the week of October 22, 2018.**

It is recommended that all individuals ages 6 months or older who live, work or attend school in Ontario receive influenza vaccine. **High-risk groups should be immunized first.**

We highly recommend you review the implementation materials posted on The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) website at [www.ontario.ca/influenza](http://www.ontario.ca/influenza) (under Immunization), which includes program details, vaccine information, reporting requirements, fact sheets and other resources.

**Influenza Virus Strains covered by the 2018/19 Influenza Vaccine**

**Quadrivalent vaccine:**

- A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus;
- B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage); and
- B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata/16/88 lineage).

**High Dose Trivalent vaccine:**

- A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus; and
- B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage).

Table 1: Publicly funded influenza vaccines available through the 2018/2019 UIIP					
Vaccine	Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccines (QIVs)			Quadrivalent - Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (Q-LAIV)	High-Dose Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (High-Dose TIV)
	FluLaval® Tetra	Fluzone® Quadrivalent (see Important Notes below)		FluMist® Quadrivalent (see Important Notes below)	Fluzone® High-Dose (see Important Notes below)
<b>Dosage</b>	0.5 mL	0.5 mL		0.2 mL (0.1mL in each nostril)	0.5 mL
<b>Format(s)</b>	Multi-dose vial	Multi-dose vial (MDV) Prefilled syringe (PFS)		Prefilled single use sprayer	Prefilled syringe
<b>Administration Route</b>	IM	IM		Intranasal spray	IM
<b>Age Indications as per product monograph (UIIP eligibility Table 2 below)</b>	≥6 months	≥6 months		2 to 59 years	≥65 years
<b>Most Common Allergens</b>	Egg Protein* Thimerosal	MDV	Egg Protein* Thimerosal	Arginine Egg Protein* Gelatin Gentamicin	Egg Protein*
		PFS	Egg Protein*		
<b>Post-Puncture Shelf Life</b>	28 days	MDV	28 days	N/A	N/A
		PFS	N/A		

\* According to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), egg-allergic individuals may be vaccinated against influenza using the full dose of any appropriate product, including QIV, Q-LAIV and high-dose TIV.

### Important Notes:

- Fluzone® Quadrivalent and Fluzone® High-Dose are different products. Fluzone® High-Dose is only authorized for those 65 years of age and over. Please use caution when administering Fluzone® products to ensure that the right vaccine is being administered to the right person.
- Fluzone® High-Dose: Supply is limited. Long Term Care & Ret Homes and QHC will be prioritized. As well, there will be approximately 70-80 additional doses available per GP & NP for their patients.
- Flumist®: Supply is very limited and will not be available until after October 29.

Table 2: Publicly funded vaccine eligibility for specific age groups			
Age Group	QIV	Q-LAIV(FluMist®)	High-Dose TIV
6 to 23 months	✓		
2 to 17 years	✓	✓	
18 to 64 years	✓		
≥65 years	✓		✓

## VACCINE UTILIZATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- “All UIIP service providers who do not bill OHIP or HNS for publicly-funded influenza vaccines are required to report administration data” to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care at [UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca](mailto:UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca).
  - Report by completing and submitting the *Vaccine Utilization Report* available on the ministry’s website [www.ontario.ca/influenza](http://www.ontario.ca/influenza) (under Immunization), or go to [www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca) and search for Vaccine Utilization Report.
- Refer to “*Program Specific Information for the Various UIIP Participants*” to find information directed to your organization. Reporting requirements vary by organization type, and the type of clinic(s) held.
- Please review the reporting requirements for your type of organization or agency, and eligibility requirements for Reimbursable Clinics:
  - Fee-for-Service Providers and Family Health Teams
  - Pharmacies with Trained Pharmacists
  - Pharmacies with Health Care Agencies
  - Pre-qualified Organizations (e.g. Health Care Agencies, Retirement Homes, Educational Institutions, Workplaces)
  - Transfer Payment Organizations (e.g. Long Term Care Homes, public hospitals, LHINS, Community Health Centres)

## ORDERING INFORMATION

### PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES with Trained Pharmacists:

- You will order and receive flu vaccine through your distributor.
- ***You must submit four weeks of fridge temperature logs to HPEPH the first Thursday of each month***, starting October 5<sup>th</sup> (fax to 613-966-1813 or email to [CDCFax1@hpeph.ca](mailto:CDCFax1@hpeph.ca) ).
- Failure to submit temperature logs will result in the suspension of vaccine ordering until the temperature log is received.

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## ORDERING INFORMATION (continued)

Week of	Doctors, NPs, CHCs, FHTs, Ret Homes, Long Term Care Homes, Public Hospitals	Health Care Agencies, Educational Institutions, Workplaces
<b>Sep 24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Order for high risk patients (limited to ~ 100 doses per provider)</li> </ul>	
<b>Oct 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pick up your orders for high risk patients</li> <li>Order for the general population (except Flumist)</li> </ul>	
<b>Oct 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pick up your orders for general population</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will start accepting orders for the general population</li> </ul>
<b>Oct 22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flumist can be ordered (very limited supply)</li> </ul>	
<b>Oct 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional orders can be submitted hereafter, as needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pick up your orders</li> </ul>

- Use this year's Influenza Vaccine Order Form included with this letter. **Do NOT use our Vaccine/STI Medication Order Form.** A link to the form is also provided at [www.ontario.ca/influenza](http://www.ontario.ca/influenza) or go to [www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca](http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca) and search for flu vaccine order form.
- All orders to be faxed to 613-966-1813**, along with four weeks of fridge temperature logs.
- Ensure you have 1-inch 3ml needle/syringe combos on hand, as well as 1-inch needle tips** as vaccine provided will be multi-dose vials of Fluzone or FluLaval Tetra (Fluzone QIV also comes PreFilled) **or Pre Filled** single-dose syringes of High Dose Fluzone (65 & Older)

### PICK-UP / DELIVERY

- Belleville Clients** – pick up your orders at our Belleville office.
- Trenton Clients** – pick up your orders at our Trenton office.
- Centre Hastings Clients** – influenza orders will be delivered in the same manner as your other vaccines. During the influenza season we will be able to deliver vaccine on Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28, and Dec 12.
- Bancroft Clients** – influenza orders will be available for pick up at our Bancroft office on Oct 5, Oct 12, Oct 22, Nov 2, Nov 19, Dec 18. Additional deliveries may be accommodated upon request – please call 613-966-5500 x222.
- Prince Edward County** – your influenza orders will be packaged and available for pick up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month (Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 23, Dec 14). Additional deliveries may be accommodated upon request – please call 613-966-5500 x222.

**For more information, call our Vaccine Information line at 613-966-5500 x222.**