

May 24, 2016

Attention: Health Care Agencies, Workplaces, Retirement Homes, Pharmacies

**RE: 2017/18 UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM:
APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN**

The 2017/18 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) materials are now available on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) website for both pharmacies and health care agencies at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/uiip/>

- The prequalification process will be an online application process. Get your application in early.
- **The application period starts May 23, 2017 and ends June 30, 2017 at 11:59 pm EDT.**
- A valid insurance policy covering September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 is required.

After you have submitted your User Agreement, the MOHLTC will determine your eligibility and notify the Health Unit. Please wait for the Health Unit to contact you to arrange for a cold chain inspection of the refrigerator that you will be using to store publicly funded influenza vaccine.

Health Unit staff will contact you to arrange a time to complete the required cold chain inspection. It is very important that all preparations for inspection are complete at the time of the appointment.

The Health Unit will begin inspections for those who have met the prequalification criteria starting in June 2017.

ATTENTION PHARMACIES: Please find attached a document titled *Checklist for Refrigerator Inspection* to assist you in your preparation to receive flu vaccine for the 2017/18 season. When you have met all criteria, please fax the completed checklist and a copy of your vaccine refrigerator temperature logbook to the Health Unit at 905-885-5352.

For questions regarding the 2017/18 UIIP and the application process, please email the MOHLTC at UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca

Should you require further information, please contact the Health Unit and ask to speak with a Vaccine Preventable Disease Nurse in the Communicable Disease Control, Epidemiology and Evaluation Department