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Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-in Clinics, Hospitals – Administration, Emergency, Infection Control, Occupational Health; Long-Term Care Homes, Correctional Services

## **RE: POST AUTO-SHIPMENT UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP) UPDATE**

- Now that you have received your auto-shipment of flu vaccine, you can place an order for more flu vaccine using the previously distributed *Flu Vaccine Order Form*
- All vaccine orders will be filled according to Health Unit vaccine supply:
  - Please plan to space your clinics out due to potential issues with vaccine availability and supply.
  - Fax a copy of the vaccine refrigerator temperature logs with every vaccine order.
  - A minimum of **3 business days** is required to ensure that your order is prepared for pick-up.
  - Vaccine must be transported according to the MOHLTC's *Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines*.
- Please note that you **can** administer high-dose TIV **OR** QIV to adults  $\geq 65$  years as indicated in the table below (<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/uiip/default.aspx>)
- Should you require further information, please contact the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507

### **UIIP Vaccines for Specific Age Groups:**

<b>Table 2: Publicly funded influenza vaccine eligibility for specific age groups</b>			
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>QIV</b>	<b>Q-LAIV</b>	<b>high-dose TIV</b>
<b>6 to 23 months</b>	✓		
<b>2 to 17 years</b>	✓	✓	
<b>18 to 64 years</b>	✓		
<b><math>\geq 65</math> years</b>	✓		✓