

October 19, 2018

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals - Emergency Rooms / Infection Control / Occupational Health, Walk-In Clinics, Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, EMS, Corrections

RE: OFFICIAL LAUNCH DATE OF THE 2018-2019 UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP)

- The MOHLTC has announced that the official launch date for the UIIP is October 22. Influenza vaccine administration for the “well population” may begin at this time.
- Vaccine will be available for pick-up on **Thursday October 25** from 8:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:00.
****NO Flu Vaccine pick-up on TUESDAY OCTOBER 23****
- Fax your Influenza vaccine orders **by Monday October 22** with a copy of the vaccine refrigerator temperature log.
- Regular Influenza vaccine pick-ups will then begin with the following schedule of pick-up days/times:

October and November:

- Every Tuesday between 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Every Thursday between 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30-4:00 pm

December:

- Every Tuesday between 8:30 am -12:30 pm

January and February 2019:

Only with regular vaccine orders. If your vaccine is delivered, and you need to pick-up earlier than your regular delivery date, please call the Health Unit to make arrangements for a pick-up.

- Please note that you can administer high-dose TIV OR QIV to adults ≥ 65 years as indicated in the table below (<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/uiip/default.aspx>)

UIIP Vaccines for Specific Age Groups:

| Table 2: Publicly funded influenza vaccine eligibility for specific age groups | | | |
|---|------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Age Group | QIV | Q-LAIV | High-dose TIV |
| 6 to 23 months | ✓ | | |
| 2 to 17 years | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 18 to 64 years | ✓ | | |
| ≥ 65 years | ✓ | | ✓ |

- As always, please report all Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) by completing the AEFI reporting form and faxing it to the Health Unit. The link for the form is:

https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Report_Adverse_Event_Following_Immunization_Form_fillable.pdf

- Should you require further information, please contact the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext.1507.

NOTE: For easier access to the above web links, visit the Health Unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca) for electronic copies of all current and previous editions of *FAX Facts*. Go to the ‘Resources & Forms’ header at the top of the web page and use the drop-down menu to click on the ‘Health Care Professionals’ section (a link to FAX Facts is posted there). A direct link is also provided below:

www.hkpr.on.ca/ResourcesForms/HealthCareProfessionals/FAXFacts.aspx

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