

September 29, 2017

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

RE: UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP) INFORMATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON

- 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 *Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines*.

Timelines for Vaccine Availability for LTCHs/RHs/Hospitals/Corrections/HCPs

- First allotment of vaccine for **high-risk clients only** is pre-determined and **no order** is required
 - Pick up date will be **October 5th** Lindsay and Port Hope offices
 - Hours for pick up are **8:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30**
 - Facilities/offices that have their vaccines delivered - Influenza vaccine will be delivered with your regular monthly vaccine delivery during the **first week of October**
- For subsequent orders, use the Health Unit 2017-18 *Flu Vaccine Order Form*:
 - Your *Flu Vaccine Order Form* will be provided to you with your first shipment.
- Additional vaccine orders may be faxed to the Health Unit no earlier than **October 9** for **high-risk clients only**, but may not be available for pick-up until the week of **October 16** (depending on Health Unit vaccine supply).
- Vaccine may be ordered for the "well" population the week of **October 16**.
- Vaccine administration for the "well" population may begin once the MOHLTC officially launches the UIIP program, anticipated late October – a fax fact will be sent out announcing the launch date and when vaccine is ready for pick-up
- Regular Influenza vaccine picks-ups will begin after the official launch date in late October:
 - **Tuesdays between 8:30am-12:30pm**
 - **Thursdays between 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-4:00pm**

****REMINDER – orders must be received 3 business days prior to pick-up****

Timelines for Vaccine Availability for Agencies, Workplaces

- Use the MOHLTC UIIP *Flu Vaccine Order Form*.
- You can submit orders for vaccine as soon as you receive this order form from the MOHLTC.
- Flu vaccine will be available for pick-up after the official launch date in late October:
 - **Tuesdays between 8:30am-12:30pm**
 - **Thursdays between 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-4:00pm**

UIIP Vaccines Available for 2017-2018

Influenza Vaccine	Vaccine formulation	Package Description	Administration	Eligibility
Influvac®	Trivalent	Single dose syringe	IM	18 years of age and older
Fluviral®	Trivalent	Multi-dose vial	IM	**18 years of age and older
FluLaval Tetra®	Quadrivalent	Multi-dose vial	IM	6 months through 17 years of age
Fluzone®	Quadrivalent	Multi-dose vial & single dose syringe	IM	6 months through 17 years of age
Flumist®	Quadrivalent (LIVE)	Single dose sprayer	Intranasal	2 to 17 years of age

****Note - Fluviral is only available through UIIP for adults 18 years of age and older****

The UIIP implementation package is available to all health care providers who will be administering influenza vaccine at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/uiip/> .

Immunization of people in high-risk groups is outlined by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-statement-seasonal-influenza-vaccine-2017-2018.html>

Should you require further information, please contact the Health Unit and leave a message for an administrative assistant or nurse in the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program and your call will be returned.