

October 28, 2016

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-in Clinics, Hospitals – Infection Control and Occupational Health, Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes, Pharmacies, Health Care Agencies, Correctional Facilities

## **RE: UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP) OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED**

**The official launch of the 2016/2017 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) was October 24, 2016.** This means that flu vaccine can now be administered to **all** eligible clients. Please refer to the *Fax Fact* that was sent on October 13, 2016 for information on the various influenza vaccine brands available this year.

As in previous years, an implementation package is available to all health care providers who will be administering flu vaccine. The 2016/17 UIIP implementation materials are posted on the MOHLTC website at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/uiip/> (the influenza site for health care professionals).

### **ORDERING SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE**

All vaccine orders will be filled according to Health Unit vaccine supply. All providers will be required to fax a copy of the 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. Please have a cooler with adequate space that is between 2° C - 8 °C and that the vaccine will be transported according to the MOHLTC *Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines*.

### **VACCINE PICK-UP DAYS AND TIMES**

Vaccine pick-up days for both the Lindsay and Port Hope offices are:

- Thursdays between 1:30pm - 4pm

For facilities that have their vaccine delivered, flu vaccine will be delivered with your regular monthly vaccine order.

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