

September 2018

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: 2018-2019 UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP)

- 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. **After you receive this allotment, the Health Unit will have no further flu vaccine until the official launch date, which is yet to be determined.**
 - **Pick-up day for your 1st pre-determined flu vaccine allotment is:**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER, 4th
 - **Hours for pick up are 8:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:00**
- **Facilities/offices that have their vaccines delivered - Influenza vaccine will be delivered with your regular monthly vaccine delivery on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 3rd**
- For subsequent orders, use the Health Unit 2018-2019 *Flu Vaccine Order Form*:
 - Your *Flu Vaccine Order Form* will be provided to you with your first shipment.
- Vaccine may be ordered for the "well" population the week of October 15. You will be able to pick up this vaccine 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:

Pick up times: For 1st allotment and then starting after launch date

October and November 2018

- Tuesdays between 8:30am-12:30pm
- Thursdays between 8:30am-12:30pm and 1:30pm-4:00pm

December 2018

- Tuesdays between 8:30am-12:30pm

January and February 2019

- Please order with regular vaccine orders.

****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 your 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 2018-2019:

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/>

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-2018-2019.html>

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