

September 27, 2018

Attention: Pharmacies

**RE: 2018-2019 UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP)**

- All UIIP-approved pharmacies are required to fax a copy of the previous four weeks refrigerator temperature logs to the HKPR District Health Unit every **\*Tuesday, starting TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>, regardless of vaccine being ordered.** Fax number is 1-905-885-5352 **\*Please note the change of day.**
- If the temperature logs are **NOT** received, the distributors will be notified on Wednesday and all received or pending Influenza vaccine orders will be suspended until temperature log books are received, reviewed and approved.
- UIIP-approved pharmacies will order and receive vaccine directly from wholesale distributors.
- Pharmacies will be notified by the MOHLTC as to when they can expect their vaccine.
- Flu vaccine may only be administered to **high-risk clients** until the UIIP official launch date.
- Please refer client's wishing to receive Fluzone® High-Dose to their primary care provider.

**The official launch of the 2018-2019 UIIP is anticipated to occur in late October.**

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 and 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>

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