

Influenza Vaccine Update from PPH – October 23, 2017

Influenza vaccine can be administered to the general public starting this week. Pharmacies will be administering flu vaccine to the general public who are 5 years of age and older. People looking for a clinic site can check www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca and click on the flu locator. Children can be immunized at their health care provider. Peterborough Public Health is also holding clinics for children under 5 years at Jackson Square by appointment. The dates and times of these clinics are posted on the PPH website.

Last year, Fluvad (adjuvanted influenza vaccine for ≥ 65 years of age) was publicly funded. IT IS NOT publicly funded this season.

There has been some confusion about Fluzone QIV and Fluzone HD. These are two different vaccines. Fluzone QIV is publicly funded for those under 18 years of age. Fluzone HD is not publicly funded.

Please refer to the table below for vaccine recommendations by age groups for this season:

Age Group	Recommended Vaccine					Alternative Vaccine (if requested or if recommended vaccine is not available)				
	TIV		QIV		Q-LAIV	TIV		QIV		Q-LAIV
	Influvac	Fluviral	FluLaval	Fluzone	Flumist	Influvac	Fluviral	FluLaval	Fluzone	Flumist
6 to 23 months			✓	✓			✓			
2 to 17 years			✓	✓	✓	✓ (≥ 3 years)	✓			
≥ 18 years	✓	✓								

For information on influenza, please visit our website at www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca.