

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Healthcare Providers administering influenza vaccine and those who have pre-qualified for the 2017/2018 season (includes: hospital, family physicians, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, nursing agencies, etc.)

RE: **Preparing for the 2017/2018 Universal Influenza Immunization Program**

DATE: September 2017

In preparation for the influenza season, the vaccine order form will be posted on Public Health's website at [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca) under *For Professionals / Health Professionals / Influenza*. The Influenza Vaccine Order Form will also be available at this site. When vaccine is ready for distribution, it will be posted on the website.

Additional Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) documents for this year's influenza season have been linked to our website at [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca) and will be available on the MOHLTC website at <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/uiip/>.

**Influenza Vaccine:** The following vaccines will be supplied to us by the MOHLTC:

Influenza Vaccine	Vaccine Formulation	Manufacturer	Route of Administration	Eligibility in Ontario
Fluviral®	TIV	GSK	Intramuscular Injection	18 years and older
Influvac®	TIV	BGP Pharma (Abbott)	Intramuscular Injection	18 years and older
FluLaval Tetra®	QIV	GSK	Intramuscular Injection	6 months through 17 years
Fluzone Quadrivalent®	QIV	Sanofi Pasteur	Intramuscular Injection	6 months through 17 years
Flumist®	QLAIV		Nasal spray	2 years through 17 years
FluAd	not available this season			

**SAVE THE DATE:** We will be offering an in-service on influenza on Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017 at 8:00 am to 9:00 am at 185 King Street, Buckhorn Room. To register, please call (705)743-1000, ext. 135.

**The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) Recommendations:** The NACI *Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 2017/2018* is available at the following link <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/naci-ccni/index-eng.php>.

**The UIIP and Pneumococcal Immunization to High Risk Groups:** There is considerable overlap in the indications for the influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. Because of this overlap, the annual influenza immunization program presents an excellent opportunity to immunize eligible persons who have not yet received one dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine. The pneumococcal vaccine may be administered concurrently with influenza vaccine, but at a separate anatomic site. All residents of nursing homes, homes for the aged and chronic care facilities or wards are eligible to receive the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine as part of the high risk program.

**Anaphylaxis:** This information is included in the Canadian Immunization Guide, Evergreen Edition which can be accessed at <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/cig-gci/p02-03-eng.php>

**Adverse Vaccine Reactions following Immunization:** As required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, all adverse vaccine reactions need to be reported to Public Health using the Ontario Adverse Event Following Immunization Form. Please reference the [Public Health Ontario](http://www.health.gov.on.ca) website for more information and copies of the form.

**Vaccine Fridge Inspections:** All organizations prequalifying to participate in this influenza season must pass a vaccine fridge inspection. If you have not yet received an inspection, please contact Christine Lowe at (705)743-1000 ext. 260.

**Vaccine Storage & Handling:** According to the MOHLTC's Vaccine Storage and Handling Protocol, it is recommended that vaccine cooler temperatures are tracked during clinics. To assist in tracking vaccine cooler temperatures, a Temperature Log Sheet is available on the [MOHLTC website](http://www.moh.gov.on.ca). Maximum, minimum and current temperatures should be recorded when leaving your facility, after 1 hour of travel, when arriving at the clinic site, a minimum of every hour during clinic, at the clinic site before leaving, after 1 hour of travel, and finally, when arriving at your facility before putting vaccine back in the fridge.

**Vaccine Clinics:** Vaccine will be available at pharmacies and health care provider offices starting mid-October for the general public. One community clinic will be held in Millbrook in November. Peterborough Public Health will hold clinics once a month in November through January for children under 5 years of age and others wishing to book an appointment. Clinic dates will be posted soon at [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca).

**Vaccine Distribution & Pick Up:** Please complete our [Flu Vaccine Order form](#) and fax your order along with your vaccine fridge temperature log to Christine Lowe, at (705)743-2897. We will indicate the date flu vaccine is available for pick-up on our website.

Only order a one week supply of vaccine. The temperature log should indicate temperatures within the range of 2°C to 8°C for at least seven days before vaccine will be released. If you cannot administer the vaccine within the next one week, please arrange a later date for vaccine pick-up to reduce the risk of losing vaccine in a cold chain failure. Please ensure sufficient space is available in the monitored fridge to accommodate the vaccine order. Immediately report any fridge temperatures below 2°C or above 8°C – call 705-743-1000 ext 139 between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or after hours leave a message at 705-760-8197 for on-call staff.

Peterborough Public Health is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. For vaccine pick up, a hard-sided cooler with a min/max thermometer is required. Please ensure that it is properly cooled before pick up to shorten your wait time. If you wish to borrow a cooler for your clinics this season, please contact Christine Lowe at (705)743-1000 ext. 260.

**Influenza Immunization Clinic Reporting Requirements (Vaccine Utilization Report Forms):** Reporting the amount of vaccine administered at each clinic is a vaccine inventory management measure required by the province of Ontario. The Ministry requires reporting of each dose of influenza vaccine administered during flu clinics administered by your organization. The appropriate Vaccine Utilization Reporting Form should be completed and faxed to Peterborough Public Health no later than 10 days after the immunization clinic. The

Vaccine Utilization Report Forms for non-reimbursable or reimbursable clinics are on the [MOHLTC website](#). Please fax to the attention of Letisha Crombie at 705-743-2897.

**Questions...go to [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca) or call (705)743-1000 and ask for Registered Nurses Marilyn Mitchell ext. 270 or Danika Wentzel at ext. 299.**