

Influenza Vaccine Planning 2018

Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Long-Term Care Homes, Rest & Retirement Homes, Walk-in Clinics, Hospitals, Hospital Pharmacies, Infection Control Practitioners, Correctional Facilities, Participating Health Care Agencies, Participating UIIP Pharmacies, Beausoliel Health Centre, NSM LHIN, Central LHIN

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With influenza vaccine season approaching, we are receiving many inquiries asking when the Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) Health Fax and Order Form will be ready. Please be aware that we are still awaiting final details on this year's UIIP from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

As soon as this year's information is confirmed, we will send out our annual UIIP Health Fax, with this year's Influenza Vaccine Order Form, vaccine pick up dates, and vaccine availability.

Only Influenza vaccine orders that are submitted on this year's Influenza Vaccine Order Form will be filled.

For **tentative** planning purposes we are anticipating the following:

- Primary care providers, long term care homes and hospitals will likely be able to start to pick-up vaccine for their high risk patients starting the week of October 9th, 2018.
- Other health care agencies (i.e. nursing agencies and workplaces) and vaccine for the general public will likely be available in late October.

Approved pharmacies will be providing the flu vaccine again this year in Ontario. They will receive their vaccine directly from the Ontario Government Pharmacy directly via their Pharmacy Distributors.

Please note that each year there is always the possibility of supply chain issues. If this occurs, you will be notified as there may be changes to order and pick-up dates.

Thank you for your patience at this time.

If you have any questions regarding the Influenza Immunization Program please contact the Immunization Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8806.

