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COVID-19 Vaccine: Pharmacy Reminders and Vaccine Orders

Attention: Participating Pharmacies, LHIN

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With a number of pharmacies now offering COVID-19 vaccine throughout Simcoe Muskoka, we wanted to provide a few important updates and reminders.

Important Reminders:

Pharmacies storing COVID-19 vaccine are strongly encouraged to have a data logger for their vaccine fridge. These temperature monitoring devices are in addition to a routine min/max thermometer required for your vaccine fridge. They record and store temperatures every 10 to 15 minutes, which becomes essential if the temperature of the fridge goes outside of range because it allows public health to know for exactly how long the excursion lasted.

Please contact the Immunization Program 705-721-7520 ext. 8806 if you experience a temperature **below 2°C or above 8°C on the date the temperature excursion happened**. Please leave the vaccine in the fridge and do not use until you have spoke to an immunization nurse.

Weekly temperature log sheet(s) must be submitted to Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) every Monday, via fax (705-726-3962) or email (vaccineorders@smdhu.org). Please clearly write pharmacy name and store number on temperature log sheet(s).

Temperature readings must be done and recorded in the logbook twice a day every day. (NOTE: If a fridge temperature goes over 8 degrees briefly due to accessing the fridge, please place an asterix in the temperature log beside the elevated fridge temp).

These temperature log sheets are reviewed by the SMDHU. If there is an issue with the temperature log, your status with the distributor will be placed on hold. This also applies if SMDHU does not receive temperature logs from your pharmacy. Once the issue has been resolved, you will be able to receive your order.

COVID-19 Vaccine Orders:

As a pharmacy that is administering COVID-19 vaccine as part of the provincial immunization strategy, we wanted to let you know that we may be able to provide some additional Moderna vaccine supply if your store is low in supply or has capacity to administer more than your provincial allocation.

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www.smdhu.org/HPPortal



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If you would like to request additional supply, please email vaccineorders@smdhu.org with the number of doses you would like to request, along with 4 weeks of your temperature log.

Vaccine would need to be picked up at 15 Sperling Drive in Barrie.

Reporting of Adverse Events:

A reminder that an *Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI)* form must be filled out and faxed (705-726-3962) back to the Immunization Program for follow-up immediately following an unexpected adverse event.

For immunization program information, support materials and forms refer to our website

www.smdhu.org/pcportal or call the Immunization program, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8806.

Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Information

For more information about the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine in our area, please refer to the SMDHU [COVID-19 Vaccine and Immunization](#) webpages.

For more information on the province's three-phased vaccine distribution implementation plan, please visit [COVID-19 vaccines for Ontario](#).

There are a number of COVID-19 resources and documents available through our Health Professional Portal at www.smdhu.org/hpportal as well as through [Public Health Ontario](#) and the [Government of Ontario](#).