

## Influenza Vaccine Update

**Attention:** Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Long-Term Care Homes, Rest & Retirement Homes, Walk-in Clinics, Hospitals, Infection Control Practitioners, Community Care Access Centres, Correctional Facilities, Participating Health Care Agencies, Participating UIIP Pharmacies

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With influenza vaccine season approaching, we are receiving many inquiries about when our information will be ready, what vaccines are available this year and when influenza vaccine will be available for providers to order. Please be aware that we are still awaiting some final details on this year's Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

We are hoping to send out our annual UIIP health fax in the coming week, which will include the influenza vaccine order form that you must use to complete your influenza vaccine order.

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

- Primary care providers, hospitals and long term care homes will be able to start to pick-up vaccine for their high risk patients starting the week of October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Pharmacies, other health care agencies (i.e. nursing agencies, workplaces) and vaccine for the general population will be available starting the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>

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

We want to thank you for your patience and understanding at this time. If you have any questions regarding the vaccine ordering process please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8808.