

Influenza Vaccine Planning 2016

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 the UIIP Health Fax and order form 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 final details on this year's Universal Influenza Immunization Program (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. 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, hospitals and long term care homes will likely be able to start to pick-up vaccine for their high risk patients starting the week of October 11th
- Pharmacies, other health care agencies (i.e. nursing agencies, workplaces) and vaccine for the general population will likely be available starting the week of October 24th

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

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.