

Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine Now Available for Adults

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

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As of January 13, 2018, influenza A activity was within expected levels for this time of year while influenza B activity was much higher as compared to previous seasons. **In response to the increased influenza B activity, the MOHLTC has advised that publicly funded QIV can be administered to any unvaccinated individuals over 18 years of age.**

There is no evidence to support re-vaccination for those who have already received TIV.

Vaccination is still recommended for those who have not received influenza vaccine this flu season, as influenza activity can continue on for the next few months.

HCPs are not to return any influenza vaccine that they do not anticipate using at this time. We will advise when any unused influenza vaccine can be returned. It should all remain under cold chain until it is returned.

Where can the public access their flu shots this year?

- At their primary care provider's office.
- At a pharmacy – most pharmacies have pharmacists that are certified to administer flu vaccine or they may host flu clinics. Encourage clients to check with their local pharmacy.
Note: children under five years of age cannot be immunized by pharmacists.
- At the health unit. We will be offering a limited number of appointments for families with children under five years of age who do not have a HCP and for those who do not have an Ontario Health Card Number.

The MOHLTC has a flu clinic locator tool listing all clinics and pharmacies offering flu vaccination. This can be accessed by searching the MOHLTC site for "Where to get a Flu Shot".

If you have any questions regarding the vaccine ordering process, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 705-721-7520 ext. 8808 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8808.

If you are calling to report a Cold Chain Failure, or have any questions regarding influenza vaccines, please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 705-721-7520 ext. 8806 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8806.

