

Influenza Vaccine Return Process

Attention: UIIP Participating Pharmacies

Date: February 28, 2019

- Pharmacies are encouraged to **keep their remaining influenza vaccine** to accommodate individuals who are still seeking influenza immunization. Any vaccine returned to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) at this point is considered wastage and we cannot re-circulate it.
- For those pharmacies with influenza vaccine currently in your fridge we ask that you continue to monitor your vaccine fridge temperatures twice daily and submit your temperature logs to the SMDHU on a weekly basis.
- If your pharmacy no longer has influenza vaccine in stock, and you will not be getting more supply from your distributor, you may discontinue submitting your temperature logs to the SMDHU weekly.
- A reminder that if at any time your vaccine fridge contains vaccine and the temperatures are outside of 2°C to 8°C, call 705-721-7520 Ext. 8806, as this could be a cold chain failure.
- Pharmacies may continue to administer influenza vaccine until the expiry date.
- All publicly funded influenza vaccine that is not used by your pharmacy must be returned to the SMDHU. When you are ready to return your remaining influenza vaccine, you must include a Vaccine Return Form which can be found on the SMDHU website www.smdhu.org/HPPortal. Vaccine is to be returned to your local Health Unit office. It does not need to be maintained under cold chain.

If you have questions please call the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's Immunization Program at 705-721-7520 Ext. 8806 or toll free at 1-877-751-7520 Ext. 8806 Monday to Friday between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

