

Influenza Vaccine Return Process

Attention: UIIP Participating Pharmacies

Date: April 4, 2019

Pharmacies are encouraged to **keep their remaining influenza vaccine** to accommodate individuals who are still seeking influenza immunization between April and August. Any vaccine returned to the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) at this point is considered wastage and we cannot re-circulate it.

If you have Influenza vaccine in your fridge please:

- Continue to monitor your vaccine fridge temperatures twice daily and submit your temperature logs to the SMDHU on a weekly basis.
- Report all vaccine fridge temperatures outside of 2°C to 8°C, to the health unit by calling 705-721-7520 Ext. 8806, as this could be a cold chain failure.
- Continue to administer influenza vaccine until the expiry date.
- Return vaccine as per the instructions below.

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 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.

