

High Dose Trivalent Influenza Vaccine (TIV) Currently Not Available Until Mid-December

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, Beausoleil Health Centre

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Our local supply of High Dose TIV (High Dose Fluzone®) has been depleted, and we have been advised by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care that there will be no additional supply available provincially until mid-December.

Anyone 65 years of age or older who has not yet received their annual flu shot, should proceed with receiving standard Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (QIV) and not delay receiving their flu vaccine waiting for HD TIV supply.

- As a result of manufacturer/production issues there are delays in the delivery schedule of the high-dose vaccine to the province.
- To date Ontario has received approximately 900,000 doses of the high-dose flu vaccine. The balance of the supply of the high-dose vaccine is not expected to be delivered to the health unit until mid-December. To off-set this, Ontario has purchased additional QIV doses.
- Both high-dose TIV vaccine and the standard QIV offered through the UIIP are acceptable for those 65 years and older.
- The most important thing is for seniors to get the flu shot that is available in their location without delay – both vaccines (HD TIV & QIV) are effective and recommended for people 65 years and older.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccine ordering process please contact the Immunization Program at 705-721-7520 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 Immunization Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8806.

