

## **HALTON REGION PUBLIC HEALTH • Office of the Medical Officer of Health**

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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

FROM: Dr. Joanna Oda, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: April 25, 2022

RE: Non-Reusable Influenza Returns, Vaccine Delivery Schedule & Tdap in pregnancy now publicly funded

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### **QUICK FACTS**

- Health care professionals can now return non-reusable influenza vaccines to Halton Region Public Health. Return the vaccine with the Critical Path courier who delivers your routine vaccines.
- The [Vaccine Delivery Schedule for April 2022 – June 2022](#) has been finalized (see below). The delivery schedule for July and onward will be released mid-June.
- As of April 1, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) is now publicly funded and may be routinely offered to pregnant people.

### **KEY MESSAGES RE. NON-REUSABLE INFLUENZA VACCINE RETURNS**

- Non-reusable influenza vaccines includes vaccines that are expired or nearing expiry, deemed no longer viable by Public Health and/or unable to be used due to reduced uptake. Returned vaccines must be whole, un-punctured vials. Partial vials must be disposed in your premises' biomedical waste container.
- Health Care Providers are encouraged to maintain a minimal stock of influenza vaccine in cold chain to accommodate individuals who are seeking influenza immunization between April and August.
- The [Non-Reusable Vaccine Return Record](#) must be completed with all returns. Partial vials must be recorded as wastage on this record however, are disposed of as biomedical waste.

### **KEY MESSAGES RE. TDAP**

- The National Advisory Committee on Immunization strongly recommends Tdap vaccination during every pregnancy, regardless of previous Tdap vaccination history to protect the infant from pertussis.
- Infants less than 2 months of age are at the greatest risk of severe pertussis infection and hospitalization. Vaccination in pregnancy is safe and effective at preventing neonatal infection.
- Immunization should ideally be offered at 27-32 weeks of gestation, which is supported by the strongest safety and effectiveness data. Immunization between 13 and 26 weeks of gestation may also be considered in some situations (e.g. pregnancies with an increased risk of preterm delivery).

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [2021/2022 Universal Influenza Immunization Program \(UIIP\)](#)
- [Vaccine Information for Physicians](#)
- [Vaccines for Adults](#)
- [NACI Recommendation Immunization in Pregnancy](#)

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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# April 2022– June 2022

## Halton Region Public Health Vaccine Delivery Schedule

### North Halton Delivery

Order by Wednesday before 4 p.m.	North Halton Delivery	
	MILTON Tuesday delivery between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	HALTON HILLS Wednesday delivery between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6, 2022	Tuesday, April 12, 2022	Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Wednesday, April 20, 2022	Tuesday, April 26, 2022	Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	Tuesday, May 10, 2022	Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	Tuesday, May 24, 2022	Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Wednesday, June 1, 2022	Tuesday, June 7, 2022	Wednesday, June 8, 2022
Wednesday, June 15, 2022	Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Wednesday, June 22, 2022

### South Halton Delivery

Order by Wednesday before 4 p.m.	South Halton Delivery	
	BURLINGTON Tuesday delivery between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	OAKVILLE Wednesday delivery between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13, 2022	Tuesday, April 19, 2022	Wednesday, April 20, 2022
Wednesday, April 27, 2022	Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Wednesday, May 25, 2022	Tuesday, May 31, 2022	Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Wednesday, June 8, 2022	Tuesday, June 14, 2022	Wednesday, June 15, 2022
Wednesday, June 22, 2022	Tuesday, June 28, 2022	Wednesday, June 29, 2022

**Next delivery schedule will be released mid – June 2022**