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

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RE: Returning Non-Reusable Influenza Vaccines

QUICK FACTS

- Healthcare providers can now return non-reusable influenza vaccines to Halton Region Public Health. Vaccines can be returned:
 - By [vaccine courier](#) with your next vaccine delivery.
 - [In person](#) during designated vaccine pick-up hours outlined on the [Vaccine Distribution schedule](#)
 - 1) Halton Regional Centre** 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville, L6M 3L1
Facilities Service Counter (Room E2-15B)
 - Tuesdays between 0900-1130 (South distribution weeks only)
 - Wednesdays between 0900-1330
 - 2) Health@280** 280 Guelph St., Unit 76, Georgetown, L7G 4B1
 - Tuesdays between 0900-1300 (North distribution weeks only)
- Do NOT return Beyfortus® to Public Health.** Any unused Beyfortus® should remain in [cold chain storage](#) for use in the 2025/26 RSV season or until the manufacturer's expiry date (whichever comes first).

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

- Non-reusable influenza vaccines include vaccines that are expired, nearing expiry, have been exposed to a cold chain excursion and are deemed no longer viable by Public Health, and / or unable to be used due to reduced uptake.
- Non-reusable influenza vaccines in multi-dose vials that are returned to Public Health must be whole / unpunctured. Partial / punctured multi-dose vials must be disposed of at your facility as per [regulation and guidelines by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change](#), for [biomedical waste](#).
- To return, place non-reusable influenza vaccines in a secure bag. Label the bag with your Facility Name, **Holding Point Code (HAL_OK_XXXXX)** and mark it as "WASTE."
- Document all vaccine waste on the [Non-Reusable Vaccine Return Record](#) and staple it to the outside of the bag.
- Maintain minimal stock of influenza vaccine to accommodate individuals who are seeking influenza immunization between April and August (e.g. travel to southern hemisphere).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Universal Influenza Immunization Program \(UIIP\), Ministry of Health](#)

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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