TO: Halton Physicians
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POST IN: Emergency Department and Physicians Lounge

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

DATE: October 1, 2019

RE: Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) 2019-2020

Influenza vaccine is now available only for people at high risk of influenza-related complications, as per the 2019-2020 National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) Statement.

Vaccine availability for the general population will start with the Ministry of Health official launch of the 2019-2020 UIIP in early November.

Vaccines available through the UIIP for the 2019-2020 influenza season

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<td>Standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated injectable (QIV - FluLaval®Tetra or Fluzone®)</td>
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<td>High-dose trivalent inactivated injectable (high-dose TIV - Fluzone® High-Dose ) *</td>
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Note: NACI has not identified any preference between high-dose TIV and standard-dose QIV products.

* Fluzone® High-Dose will be prioritized to patients in long-term care/retirement homes but will also be available to hospitals and primary care providers. Persons 65 years and older may receive either high-dose TIV or standard-dose QIV

Vaccine Orders

- **Initial vaccine allotments** (prioritized for high-risk patients) will be available for pick-up as of October 3, 2019 at the Health Department vaccine depot pick-up counter.
- **A second allotment** will be available for pick-up on October 23, 2019.
- Orders will be accepted on or after October 28, 2019. Orders placed before then will not be processed.
- Distribution is based on product availability and your clinic’s past year usage and wastage.
- The vaccine order form is available online on the Vaccine Information for Physicians webpage on halton.ca. You must use the 2019-2020 form.

Vaccine Pick-up

- The vaccine depot is open for vaccine pick-up Tuesday to Friday from 8:00 am- 4:30 pm.
- Vaccine will only be released if you bring a MOHLTC approved hard sided cooler with ice packs and a min/max thermometer showing temperatures between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius to pick up your order.
- Please allow 3 business days for vaccine orders to be processed and to be ready for pick-up.

Please report all suspected or confirmed cases of Diseases of Public Health Significance (formerly Reportable Diseases) to the Halton Region Health Department as soon as possible. Diseases marked * should be reported immediately by telephone (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or fax (Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm only). Other diseases can be reported the next working day. Call 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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