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POST IN: Emergency Department and Physicians Lounge

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

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**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

Influenza Vaccine Products	Eligibility in Ontario
Standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated injectable (QIV - FluLaval®Tetra or Fluzone®)	6 months and older (includes those 65 years and older)
High-dose trivalent inactivated injectable (high-dose TIV - Fluzone® High-Dose )*	65 years and older
<b>Note:</b> 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. <i>Persons 65 years and older may receive either high-dose TIV or standard-dose QIV</i>	

#### 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. For general information, please visit [halton.ca](#).

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