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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments

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DATE: September 30, 2020

RE: Influenza Vaccine Distribution – NEW Courier Delivery to Halton Providers and Online Ordering

QUICK FACTS

- Halton Region Public Health has contracted Critical Path courier service to deliver influenza vaccine allotments to all health care providers (HCPs) who normally receive influenza vaccine. There is no charge for the courier delivery cost to eligible HCPs.
- Public Health is transitioning to an online [vaccine order form](#), and will phase-out orders by fax/paper.

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Influenza vaccine orders will be delivered to HCPs by Critical Path courier.
- Public Health will transition to using courier to deliver all other vaccines over the next several weeks.
- The first allotment of influenza vaccine is determined by Public Health based on past usage and wastage, and will be auto-shipped to HCP offices throughout Halton starting this week and delivery will be by municipality.
- Offices must have a staff person present on site to receive the vaccine delivery between the hours of 9am-4pm. This delivery window is firm.

Influenza vaccine delivery dates:

- **Oakville** **Thursday October 1, 2020** **9am-4pm**
- **Burlington** **Friday October 2, 2020** **9am-4pm**
- **Milton** **Monday October 5, 2020** **9am-4pm**
- **Halton Hills** **Tuesday October 6, 2020** **9am-4pm**

- If HCP/staff are not present to receive the delivery, the order can be picked up at the Halton Regional Centre the following Tuesday, between the hours of 8-10am.
- Until further notice, HCPs may continue to pick up their non-influenza vaccine orders at the Halton Regional Centre, Tuesdays between 8-10am.
- **NEW:** The second allotment will be determined by online orders received from HCPs. [Online ordering](#) will be available Tuesday October 13, 2020. Orders submitted by 4pm on Thursday October 15, 2020 will be delivered by courier the week of October 19. The schedule for delivery of this second allotment will be communicated in advance.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Please see the [Vaccine Information for Physicians](#) page on www.halton.ca

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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