

## 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: September 23, 2024

RE: Register for this Wednesday's (Sept 25) webinar on fall immunization campaigns – RSV, COVID-19, Influenza & Pneumococcal

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### QUICK FACTS

- [Register for this week's Public Health Mainpro+ accredited webinar](#) on Wednesday, September 25 from 7-8 p.m. to learn more about RSV prevention programs for infants and older adults and vaccines to protect against COVID-19, Influenza, and Pneumococcal disease.
- See attached flyer for more details and learning objectives for session.
- Local Ontario Health Teams and physician associations will provide brief updates for physicians following webinar.
- New KP.2 COVID-19 vaccine formulations are expected to be available in October for high-risk populations, pending Health Canada authorization and delivery schedules from manufacturers.
- Starting in early October, influenza auto-shipments will be sent to clinics via Halton's vaccine courier service. Clinics will not be charged for auto-shipped influenza vaccine deliveries.
- There are three pneumococcal vaccine programs in Ontario:
  - Routine vaccination program for children aged 6 weeks to 4 years. Vaccine used for this population will transition from Pneu-C-13 to Pneu-C-15.
  - Routine vaccination program for individuals aged 65 years and older. Vaccine used for this population will transition from Pneu-P-23 to Pneu-C-20.
  - High risk vaccination program for individuals aged 6 weeks and older with certain medical or non-medical conditions who are at high risk for IPD. Vaccine used for this population will transition from Pneu-P-23 and Pneu-C-13 to Pneu-C-20

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on 2024-25 Fall Vaccines](#), Halton Region Public 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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## Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians: Focus on 2024-25 Fall vaccines Changes to RSV, COVID-19, Influenza & Pneumococcal vaccines

Seasonal respiratory pathogens and COVID-19 continue to have changing patterns. Fortunately, there are new immunizations and publicly-funded programs to help protect your patients. Join Halton Region Public Health to learn about RSV prevention programs for infants and older adults and vaccines to protect against COVID-19, Influenza, and Pneumococcal disease.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024

**Time:** 7-8p.m.

**Register:** Online ([registration form](#))



### Learning objectives:

#### Overall series learning objective:

By attending the Public Health Updates for Halton Physicians series, participants will be able to identify and discuss relevant and recent information about approaches to the prevention, diagnosis and management of key public health issues impacting their family medicine practice in both rural and urban settings.

#### Learning objectives for this session:

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe updates to Ontario's RSV Prevention programs for infants and older adults.
- Understand the changes to the COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines for the fall 2024-25 campaign.
- Communicate immunization eligibility and recommendations for RSV, COVID-19, Influenza, and Pneumococcal.
- Understand the effectiveness of immunizations offered as part of Ontario's fall vaccine program.

Submit your questions in advance through the registration form.

#### Keynote Speaker:



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