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POST IN: Emergency Department and Physicians Lounge

FROM: Dr. Julie Emili, Associate Medical Officer of Health

DATE: October 1, 2018

RE: Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) 2018-2019

Vaccine availability for the general population will commence with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) official launch of the 2018-2019 UIIP in late-October.

Influenza vaccine is now available for high risk/high priority individuals only. The full 2018-2019 National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) Statement is available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-statement-seasonal-influenza-vaccine-2018-2019.html>

Vaccines available through the UIIP for the 2018-19 influenza season

Influenza Vaccine Products	Eligibility in Ontario
Standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated injectable (QIV - FluLaval [®] Tetra or Fluzone [®])	6 months to less than 2 years
Standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated injectable (QIV - FluLaval [®] Tetra or Fluzone [®]); OR Live attenuated quadrivalent intranasal (Q-LAIV - Flumist [®])	2 to 17 years
Standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated injectable (QIV - FluLaval [®] Tetra or Fluzone [®])	18 – 64 years
High-dose trivalent inactivated injectable (high-dose TIV - Fluzone [®] High-Dose) [*] ; OR Standard-dose quadrivalent inactivated injectable (QIV - FluLaval [®] Tetra or Fluzone [®])	65 years and over
Note: NACI has not identified any preference between Q-LAIV and QIV products nor between high-dose TIV and QIV products. [*] Fluzone [®] High-Dose will be prioritized to patients in long term care homes and retirement homes but will also be available to hospitals and primary care providers.	

Information for Vaccine Orders & Pick Up

- Distribution is based on product availability and your clinic's past year usage.
- Initial vaccine allotments will be available for pick-up as of **October 2, 2018** at the Health Department.
- Re-orders accepted on or after **October 22, 2018**. Orders placed before that date will not be processed.
- 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.
- The vaccine order form is available on the website at www.halton.ca/physicians
- 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 [reportable diseases](#) to the Halton Region Health Department immediately. Dial 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. For general information, please visit www.halton.ca/physicians. To sign up for important updates by email, visit www.halton.ca/physicianupdates.

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