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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments

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RE: Universal Influenza Immunization Program – Implementation Package

QUICK FACTS

- The Ministry of Health has released the [2020/2021 Universal Influenza Immunization Program \(UIIP\)](#) implementation package.
- This year's implementation package contains information for providers who have pre-qualified for the UIIP, as well as additional resources for other health care providers who may be providing influenza immunization.
- The UIIP offers influenza vaccine free of charge each year to all individuals six months of age and older who live, work or go to school in Ontario.
- Influenza vaccine will be delivered to providers by courier, starting the week of September 28, 2020.

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- New resources specific to health care providers are:
 - [Memo from the CMOH on the rollout of Ontario's Universal Influenza Immunization Program 2020/2021\(PDF file\)](#)
 - [Health Care Provider Qs & As: Information for the 2020/2021 Influenza Season](#)
 - [Health Care Provider Qs & As: Information for individuals 6 months to 64 years of age](#)
 - [Health Care Provider Qs &As: Information for individuals > 65 years of age](#)
- Please also see previously released communications from Halton Region Public Health:
 - [Universal Influenza Immunization Program - September 22, 2020](#)
 - [New Ministry of Health Guidance for Immunization Services During COVID-19 - September 16, 2020](#)

KEY MESSAGES FOR PATIENTS

- Vaccination against influenza will be important this fall given the potential for the co-circulation of COVID-19.
- Preventing the flu will be important not only to protect individual health and health of families and communities, but also to protect and mitigate impacts on our health care system.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Please see the [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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