

## 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

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RE: Upcoming Changes to Vaccine Delivery and Pick-up Options

## QUICK FACTS

- Due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions and construction at Halton Regional Centre, Halton Region Public Health has been paying for all vaccine deliveries. With the ease of COVID-19 restrictions and upon completion of construction, facilities will have a choice in how to receive their vaccines.
- Starting in the late spring/early summer, healthcare providers can choose to:
  - Continue having vaccines couriered to their facility. The facility would now be responsible for the cost of approximately \$35/delivery, or
  - Pick up vaccines at the Halton Regional Centre at 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville during specific days and times.

## **KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

- Facilities are not required to use the vaccine courier, but many find that this is a convenient option that saves staff time and expenses. The vaccine courier service also uses temperature-controlled vans. This helps to ensure that cold chain is maintained during transportation.
- Facilities will need an account with Critical Path to continue using this service. Vaccine delivery charges will be billed to this account.
- Facilities can set up an account with Critical Path by completing an <u>Account Activation Form</u>.
  Completed forms must be emailed to <u>ar@criticalpath.ca</u>. Facilities are encouraged to set up their account right away.
- If you have questions about the account setup process contact Critical Path at <u>ar@criticalpath.ca</u> or 905-212-8333.
- Immunization Services is phasing out the use of the <u>vaccinedepot@halton.ca</u> email address. For inquiries about vaccine orders, please email <u>accesshalton@halton.ca</u> or call 311.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- <u>Vaccine Information for Physicians</u> webpage
- <u>Vaccine Distribution</u> schedule

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of <u>Diseases of Public Health Significance</u> (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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