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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

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DATE: January 4, 2022

RE: Suspension of Routine and Special Vaccine Orders

QUICK FACTS

- Due to the alarming rate of COVID-19 cases from the Omicron variant, Public Health and Critical Path Courier need to focus efforts on delivering COVID-19 vaccines to Health Care Providers, clinics and other locations.
- As a result, **ordering and delivery of routine and special vaccines (HB, Men-C-ACYW135 and HPV-9) is suspended for the month of January.**
- COVID-19 vaccine delivery will continue as per normal delivery schedule.
- Public Health understands that this change may cause some inconvenience to patients and Health Care Providers and we apologize for the inconvenience.

KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Vaccine pick-ups will **not** be permitted at Halton Regional Centre.
- There are a few exceptions to high-risk vaccines that will be considered on an individual basis by contacting 311.
- Orders placed prior to January 4th, will remain in queue for processing and will be delivered in February as outlined in the [January—April 2022 Vaccine Delivery Schedule](#).
- Public Health continues to accept premises to the [COVID-19 Vaccine Onboarding Program](#) if criteria is met.

KEY MESSAGES FOR PATIENTS

- Cases of the Omicron variant have increased at an alarming rate and vaccination efforts must focus on COVID-19.
- Routine and special vaccines can be administered in February. There is no cause to restart an immunization series.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Halton Region Vaccine Information for Physicians.](#)

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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