

2023/2024 UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP)

FOR YORK REGION HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AS OF OCTOBER 6, 2023

York Region Public Health (YRPH) has received its first allocation of flu vaccines from the Ontario Government Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Service (OGPMSS), and they are now available for health care professionals in York Region to order.

Flu Vaccine Ordering Process

- Complete and email the attached 2023/24 UIIP Influenza Vaccine Order Form to vaccineinventory@york.ca or fax to 905-830-0578. Email is recommended as it will provide you a receipt notice and fax method will not provide you a receipt notice.
 - ✓ Include the most current five (5) business days of refrigerator temperature logs.
 - ✓ Ensure all mandatory fields are completed to avoid processing delays.
 - ✓ Allow a minimum of five (5) business days to process the order (due to high volume).
- You will be notified by telephone or e-mail when your order is ready for pickup.
- The number of doses received may be adjusted due to provincial and local vaccine supply.
- To ensure equitable distribution, reorders will not be accepted or processed until October 16th.
- To minimize vaccine wastage, order small quantities of vaccines on an as-needed basis and consider available storage space in the YRPH-inspected vaccine refrigerator.

Temperature Log Documentation Standards

Your flu vaccine order form submission must include a refrigerator temperature log with the most current five (5) business days of temperatures with the following requirements:

- Document temperatures exactly as shown on the thermometer's display screen, to one digit after the decimal (i.e., to the tenth decimal place).
- Document the current, maximum, and minimum temperatures twice daily including the date, time, and recorder's initials. Clear your digital thermometer's memory after each temperature recording.
- Use only blue or black ink. Do not use white-out or write over any temperature recordings.
- Ensure that your five-digit holding point code (HPC) is clearly indicated on your temperature log (Example: YOR_NW_01234).

Flu Vaccine Order Pickup

- Before arriving at the pickup location, ensure transport coolers are [properly configured and pre-conditioned](#) between +2.0°C and +8.0°C to avoid pickup delays.
- York Region staff must verify the transport cooler's temperature and setup conditions prior to releasing the vaccine order.



Adverse Storage Conditions (ASC)

If any publicly funded vaccines are exposed to temperatures below +2.0°C and/or above +8.0°C at any time (e.g., during transport, in storage), immediately report to YRPH at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74065 (24/7, including statutory holidays)

Do not administer or discard the exposed vaccines until YRPH has completed an ASC investigation and vaccine viability assessment.

Immunization Priority

Administration of flu vaccines is to be prioritized for:

- ✓ Individuals at [high risk of flu complications and hospitalization](#)
 - ✓ Health care workers and first responders
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- Flu vaccines may be offered to the general population starting October 30, 2023.
 - Do not book immunization appointments before receiving vaccines in case of any delivery delays.
 - Large-scale community vaccination clinics should be planned for November to ensure there is an adequate vaccine supply.

Multi-dose Vial Format

The majority of QIV flu vaccines are provided in the multi-dose vial format. Multi-dose vials of the vaccine contain 10 doses per vial. Ensure the use of [best practice standards](#) to maximize the use of an entire multi-dose vial and prevent vaccine-related medication errors.

- Label the multi-dose vial with the date it was first punctured.
- **Any doses remaining in a punctured multi-dose vial must be discarded according to the manufacturer's expiration date or within 28 days (see the product leaflet), whichever occurs first.**
- Reduce vaccine wastage by following the [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#).

UIIP Resources

Visit York Region's Vaccination Information for Healthcare Professionals [webpage](#).

[Ministry of Health](#) 2023/2024 UIIP implementation documents:

- [Health Care Provider Qs & As: Information for the 2023/2024 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](#)

For more information, contact York Region Vaccine Inventory Program via telephone at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033 or e-mail to vaccineinventory@york.ca.