

# 2026-2027 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP)

## Applications Now Open to Prequalified Organizations

To York Region health care professionals as of May 19, 2026

The Ministry of Health is now accepting applications from prequalified organizations interested in participating in the [2026-2027 Universal Influenza Immunization Program \(UIIP\)](#).

Note: Organizations that already receive other publicly funded vaccine(s) from York Region Public Health (YRPH) or that have confirmed partnership with a health care provider for vaccine administration, are not required to apply to participate in the UIIP.

If your organization would like to participate in the 2026-2027 UIIP, please complete and submit your application to the Ministry of Health **on or before June 30, 2026**.

### Application Process

#### 1. Complete the Prequalification Form and Submit to the Ministry of Health

Complete the [Prequalification Form](#) electronically and submit on or before June 30, 2026 (11:59 pm EDT). Follow the instructions on the form. Click the 'Submit' button on the form to automatically submit your application. Applications will not be accepted over email.

Note: A valid insurance policy is required and must be valid from September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027. Detailed information can be found on the Prequalification Form.

#### 2. Receipt of Two (2) Confirmation Emails from the Ministry of Health

Immediately following your application submission, you will receive an automated email with a tracking number and a copy of your application. Then, within two business days, you will receive an email from [immunization@ontario.ca](mailto:immunization@ontario.ca) confirming the processing status of your application. If you do not receive a response from the Ministry within two (2) business days, you must resubmit your application. Please ensure that the email address(es) provided are accurate.

#### 3. Cold Chain Maintenance Inspection by York Region Public Health (YRPH)

After your application is accepted by the Ministry, YRPH will conduct a cold chain maintenance inspection at your facility to assess your compliance with the provincial vaccine storage and handling requirements. You may experience inspection delays due to the high volume of inspections that occur at this time.

YRPH will only have **one** opportunity to conduct the required inspection for each facility, so you and your immunizing team must be well-prepared and:

- Review and understand the [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#).
- Complete the [YRPH Vaccine Storage and Handling e-Learning Module](#). Print your certificate of completion and have it ready for your inspection.
- Review and action the recommendations on the next page.

#### 4. Approval to Participate in the 2026-2027 UIIP

The Ministry of Health will notify all approved organizations in September 2026.

Questions or concerns regarding the 2026-2027 UIIP and the Prequalification Form should be directed to [immunization@ontario.ca](mailto:immunization@ontario.ca).

#### Recommendations to Prepare for Your Inspection

- **Assess your vaccine refrigerator** to determine its suitability and consider upgrading to a purpose-built (laboratory-grade) refrigeration unit to ensure vaccines are stored safely. Review this [infographic](#) for further details.
- **Use a digital max/min thermometer** to record refrigerator temperatures (current, maximum, and minimum) twice daily including the date, time, and your initials in the [Vaccine Temperature Log Book](#). A minimum of five (5) consecutive business days of temperature recordings are required to demonstrate the vaccine refrigerator is operating within the acceptable range of **+2.0°C to +8.0°C** prior to your inspection. *Example:*

Month/Year: December 2025 Office/Facility: YOR NW 01234 ABC Family Practice

Week 1	Mon	1	Tue	2	Wed	3	Thur	4	Fri	5	Sat	6	Sun	7
Time	9:05 AM	5:42 PM	9:08 AM	4:58 PM	9:03 AM	5:06 PM	9:11 AM	5:07 PM	9:16 AM	5:10 PM				
Current Temp	5.8	4.1	3.4	3.9	5.7	4.5	5.3	3.6	3.1	3.2/4.5				
Max Temp	6.0	5.0	5.9	4.1	6.1	4.6	6.3	3.9	5.8	6.4				
Min Temp	3.4	3.9	2.9	3.3	4.0	4.0	2.7	3.1	3.0	3.0				
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- **Ensure a copy of the [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#)** is readily available at your facility.
- **Review your previous year’s cold chain maintenance inspection report** and confirm that all outstanding issues have been addressed.
- **Replace the batteries** of your refrigerator thermometer and transport cooler thermometer every six months. Record the date of battery replacement in the [Vaccine Temperature Log Book](#).
- **Ensure transport cooler and packing supplies** are readily available for use at your facility in the event of a cold chain incident. Store ice packs in the freezer and flexible refrigerator blankets in the refrigerator.
- **Cold chain supplies** including temperature log books, transport coolers, thermometers, ice packs and flexible refrigerator blankets are available free of charge at the following YRPH office locations, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:
  - 17150 Yonge Street, Newmarket
  - 9060 Jane Street, Vaughan
  - 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill
  - 4261 Highway 7 East, Markham
  - 24262 Woodbine Avenue, Georgina
- **Remove all expired publicly funded vaccines** from your refrigerator and drop them off, along with a completed [Non-Reusable Vaccines Wastage Form](#), at any of the YRPH office locations listed above.

## Questions? Contact YRPH

If you have any questions about the UIIP or vaccine storage and handling requirements, visit [york.ca/vaccineinventory](http://york.ca/vaccineinventory), call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033, or email [vaccineinventory@york.ca](mailto:vaccineinventory@york.ca).

Thank you for your interest in the 2026-2027 UIIP, and we look forward to your participation.

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If you received this message but haven't subscribed to both, [we encourage you to register](#). **Signing up ensures you receive critical alerts when they matter most, as well as regular updates to support your practice.**