

2026-2027 Pharmacy Vaccine Programs Now Accepting Applications

To York Region pharmacy professionals as of May 19, 2026

The Ministry of Health is now accepting applications from community pharmacies interested in participating in the 2026-2027 Pharmacy Vaccine Programs listed below:

- [Universal Influenza Immunization Program \(UIIP\)](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccine program](#)*
- [Pharmacy Adult Vaccine Bundle](#)** (*new for the 2026-2027 season*)

Applications for all three programs can be submitted through a **single User Agreement**. Please complete and submit your application to the Ministry of Health **on or before June 30, 2026**.

* In addition to the User Agreement, participation in the COVID-19 vaccine program requires additional steps. Pharmacies must have a valid Panorama Guided Workflow (PGW) Interface System and Services Agreement (“PGW Agreement”) and must be onboarded to the Panorama Guided Workflow Interface System. Details regarding next steps, PGW Interface System and Services Agreement, and required training will be provided by the Ministry following the receipt and processing of your application.

** The Pharmacy Adult Vaccine Bundle is a new initiative aimed at expanding access to publicly funded adult vaccines through community pharmacies. This includes vaccines that protect against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, pneumococcal disease, shingles and RSV. Additional program details will be shared in advance of program launch.

Application Process

1. Complete the User Agreement and Submit to the Ministry of Health

Complete the [User Agreement for Pharmacies](#) 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 for your pharmacy is required and must be valid from September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027. Detailed information can be found in the User Agreement.

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 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 pharmacy to assess your compliance with the provincial vaccine storage and handling requirements. The cold chain maintenance inspection can occur at any time after your application is accepted. You may experience inspection delays due to the high volume of inspections that occur at this time. Inspections will be conducted on a drop-in basis during regular business hours.

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

- Review and understand the [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#).
- Review and action the recommendations below.

4. Approval to Participate in the 2026-2027 Pharmacy Vaccine Programs

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

Note: Pharmacies wishing to participate in the Pharmacy Adult Vaccine Bundle in Summer 2026 must have a YRPH-inspected refrigerator from the previous UIIP 2025-2026 campaign.

Questions or concerns regarding the 2026-2027 Pharmacy Vaccine Programs and/or the User Agreement should be directed to 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		
Initials	CT	JL	CT	JL	CT	JL	CT	JL	CT	JL		

- **Ensure a copy of the [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#)** is readily available at your pharmacy.
- **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 pharmacy 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.
- **You and your staff are encouraged to complete the [YRPH Vaccine Storage and Handling e-Learning Module](#)**, which highlights key information from the Ministry of Health's [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#), including the importance of maintaining the cold chain, vaccine storage and handling best practice, vaccine refrigerator organization, temperature monitoring and documentation, managing cold chain incidents and tips to minimize vaccine wastage.

Note: This e-Learning module is designed for healthcare providers that order vaccines directly from YRPH. Content related to vaccine ordering and pickup may not apply to your pharmacy.

Questions? Contact YRPH

If you have any questions about the 2026-2027 Pharmacy Vaccine Programs or vaccine storage and handling requirements, visit york.ca/vaccineinventory, call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033, or email vaccineinventory@york.ca.

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