

2026-2027 UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP) & 2026-2027 COVID-19 VACCINE PROGRAM

FOR YORK REGION HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS as of October 5, 2026

The [Universal Influenza Immunization Program](#) (UIIP) and [COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#) offer free influenza and COVID-19 vaccines to individuals aged six (6) months and older who live, work, or attend school in Ontario.

York Region Public Health (YRPH) has received its first allocation of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, which are now available for healthcare professionals in York Region to order.

The publicly funded influenza vaccines include:

1. Trivalent inactivated vaccine (TIV) for those $\geq$ six (6) months of age
2. High-dose trivalent inactivated vaccine (TIV-HD) for those $\geq$ 65 years of age only
3. Adjuvanted trivalent inactivated vaccine (TIV-adj) for those $\geq$ 65 years of age only

The publicly funded COVID-19 vaccines include:

1. Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines for those $\geq$ six (6) months of age
2. Protein subunit vaccine for those $\geq$ 12 years of age

Immunization Priority

Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines should be offered to eligible individuals in high-risk and priority groups as soon as they become available at your practice. Refer to the Health Care Provider Fact Sheets for the complete list of individuals in high-risk and priority groups. Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines may be offered to the general population starting October 26, 2026.

Do not schedule immunization appointments until vaccine supplies have been received to avoid potential issues related to supply shortages, processing delays, or delivery disruptions. Large-scale community vaccination clinics for the general population should be planned for November to ensure there is an adequate vaccine supply.

Vaccine Co-Administration

Whenever possible and appropriate, consider the co-administration of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, in addition to routine and other seasonal vaccines, to maximize uptake and protection. If multiple injections are given during the same visit, separate limbs should be used if possible.

Vaccine Ordering Process

- Complete the 2026-2027 UIIP Influenza Vaccine Order Form (attached) and *2026-2027 COVID-19 Vaccine Order Form.
***Note:** Only healthcare providers that have successfully completed all Panorama Guided Workflow (PGW) onboarding requirements and who have a valid PGW Agreement with the Ministry of Health are eligible to order COVID-19 vaccines. The 2026-2027 COVID-19 Vaccine Order Form is available [online](#).
 - ✓ Ensure all mandatory fields are completed to avoid processing delays
 - ✓ Include the most current five (5) business days of refrigerator temperature logs
- Submit completed order forms by email to vaccineinventory@york.ca or fax to 905-830-0578. Email is recommended as you will receive confirmation of receipt.
- Allow a minimum of five (5) business days to process your order due to the significantly increased volume of vaccine orders received during the fall respiratory illnesses season
- Your order quantities may be adjusted based on provincial and local vaccine supply availability and the Ministry's vaccine storage and handling guidelines
- You will be notified by telephone or e-mail when your order is ready for pickup
- Vaccine reorders may be submitted starting on October 26, 2026. To ensure equitable distribution, reorder requests received prior to October 26, 2026, will not be accepted or processed
- To minimize vaccine wastage, order small quantities of vaccines on an as-needed basis and consider available storage space in your YRPH-inspected vaccine refrigerator

Temperature Log Documentation Standards

Your influenza and COVID-19 vaccine order form submissions must include a refrigerator temperature log with the most current five (5) business days of temperatures and 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. Include 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 your five-digit holding point code (Example: YOR_NW_01234) is clearly indicated on your temperature log
- Use a strikethrough to indicate the days your office is closed, if applicable

Vaccine Order Pickup

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

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, while stored in the refrigerator), **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.

Multi-Dose Vial Formats

The majority of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are provided in the multi-dose vial format. 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 and time it was first punctured
- Any doses remaining in a punctured multi-dose vial must be stored in the refrigerator and discarded within the post-puncture shelf life. **Refer to the product leaflet/monograph for specific post-puncture shelf life of each multi-dose vial product**
- Make every effort to reduce vaccine wastage by following the [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#)

Resources

- York Region Public Health's Vaccination Information for Healthcare Professionals [webpage](#)
- Ministry of Health's vaccine program websites:
 - [2026-2027 COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#)
 - [2026-2027 Universal Influenza Immunization Program \(UIIP\)](#)
 - [Public Health Ontario's Panorama Guided Workflow \(PGW\) Resources](#)

Attachments

- Chief Medical Officer of Health's Letter to Health Care Providers
- Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Influenza Immunization for Individuals 6 months to 64 years of age
- Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Influenza Immunization for Individuals ≥ 65 years of age
- Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: 2026-2027 COVID-19 Vaccine Program

Contact Us

For more information, visit our website at [York.ca/VaccineInventory](https://york.ca/VaccineInventory), or contact York Region's Vaccine Inventory Program by phone at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033, or by e-mail at vaccineinventory@york.ca.

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