

Flu Season Update: Availability of Influenza Vaccines

Update to York Region health care providers as of January 19, 2021

During the winter months with both influenza and COVID-19 circulating, the flu shot is the best protection against getting the flu and can help reduce illness and health care system related impacts.

Through your continued efforts and support, the 2020/21 Ontario Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) has been a tremendous success. In a year which saw an unprecedented demand for the flu vaccine, York Region Public Health has distributed over 350,000 doses to hospitals, long term care homes, retirement homes, congregate living centres, primary care providers, and nursing agencies in York Region. This amounts to a 40% increase in the number of flu vaccine doses distributed in comparison to 2019/20 UIIP.

Although influenza case counts to date are significantly lower compared to previous influenza seasons, it is still important to encourage your patients to be vaccinated against the flu to prevent infections and reduce the current strain on our health care system as a result of COVID-19.

To date, York Region Public Health has approximately 2,100 doses of quadrivalent inactivated vaccine (QIV) and 900 doses of high-dose trivalent inactivated vaccine (high-dose TIV) available to fulfill orders for flu vaccine. Additional doses can be acquired from the Ministry, if needed.

If you require additional supply of flu vaccine, please complete the [Publicly Funded Vaccine Order Form](#) and send it to vaccineinventory@york.ca with the most current five days of refrigerator temperature logs.

Thank you for continued efforts and support in the delivery of the 2020-2021 UIIP.

Contact York Region Public Health

If you have any questions about ordering flu vaccine, call the Vaccine Inventory team at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) and visit york.ca/vaccineinventory.

