

# Transition to HPV9 Vaccine Complete, HPV4 No Longer Available

## Update to York Region health care providers as of March 15, 2019

Effective March 15, 2019 the four-strain human papillomavirus (HPV4) vaccine is no longer available for order in Canada. The current supply of HPV4 vaccines in Ontario expires on March 14, 2019 and all orders for HPV vaccine will now be filled with HPV9 (Gardasil®9).

If you have any expired HPV4 vaccine in your vaccine fridge, please return it to a York Region Public Health office where you pick up vaccine orders, along with a completed Non-Reusable Vaccine Wastage Form. The form and additional information on returns is available at [york.ca/vaccineinventory](http://york.ca/vaccineinventory).

HPV9 should be used when starting an HPV vaccine series for eligible individuals and to complete a vaccine series where HPV4 has been used. This recommendation aligns with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) guidance, which highlights the following:

- People who have started an HPV series with HPV4 should have their series completed with HPV9 (as HPV4 is not available at this time.) This should grant full protection against the four strains covered in both HPV4 and HPV9.
- Clients should be informed that a complete series of Gardasil®9 can ensure protection against the five *additional* HPV types in the vaccine. Additional doses of Gardasil®9 beyond a complete HPV series are not part of the publicly funded program and would need to be purchased privately from a pharmacy or travel clinic
- There is insufficient evidence at this time to recommend re-immunization with HPV9 in individuals who have completed an immunization series with another HPV vaccine. Those who have completed their HPV4 series prior to March 15, 2019 will be considered up-to-date and will not be eligible for publicly funded HPV9 vaccine

### Ontario's publicly funded immunization schedule for HPV9

Age	Dose schedule	Minimum interval
Client under 15 years of age	Two doses of HPV vaccine given at 0,6-12 months	All doses should ideally be completed within a 1 year period
Client over 15 years of age	Three doses of HPV vaccine, given at 0,2,6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum interval between dose 1 and 2: 4 weeks</li> <li>• Minimum interval between dose 2 and 3: 12 weeks</li> <li>• Minimum interval between dose 1 and 3: 24 weeks</li> </ul>

If you have any questions about the HPV vaccine or mixed regimens, please call York Region Public Health's Vaccine Clinics at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452. For questions about product substitution, please call the Vaccine Inventory team at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033.

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