

# **HD-TIV Influenza Vaccine Supplies Depleted**

## **Update to York Region health care providers as of November 8, 2019**

As a result of the current province-wide shortage of the high-dose trivalent influenza vaccine (HD-TIV) due to manufacturing issues, supplies of HD-TIV are currently depleted with additional supplies not anticipated to arrive from the provincial pharmacy until early December. The Ministry of Health has ordered additional quadrivalent (QIV) vaccines to offset the anticipated shortage. The Ministry has requested that any questions related to provincial supply or distribution of HD-TIV should be directed to [UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca](mailto:UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca).

- ✓ **Health care providers are requested to use the QIV influenza vaccine for patients 65 years and older until additional HD-TIV is available to order.**
- ✓ **Health care providers with existing supply of HD-TIV are requested to use their clinical decision making to prioritize administration of this vaccine to patients who may be most appropriate to receive HD-TIV versus QIV.**
- ✓ **Pharmacists are requested to advise their patients of the HD-TIV shortage before referring patients 65 years and older to their health care provider for HD-TIV.**
- ✓ **QIV supplies are adequate and orders are being fulfilled in priority sequence.**

Adults aged 65 years and older can receive either HD-TIV or QIV, with the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) indicating no preferential recommendation of either vaccine, as there is insufficient evidence directly comparing the two vaccines.

**It is recommended not to delay flu vaccination of your patients (e.g., to wait for a particular flu vaccine product). The most important thing is to vaccinate your patients as soon as possible.**

QIV is recommended for everyone aged 6 months or older who have no contraindications.

### **Contact York Region Public Health**

If you have any questions about influenza vaccine orders please call the Vaccine Inventory team at 1-866-464-9675 ext. 74033 or visit [york.ca/vaccineinventory](http://york.ca/vaccineinventory)

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