



# Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



## Influenza Vaccine Supply Update

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has advised the provincial supply of High-Dose Quadrivalent Inactivated (QIV-HD) vaccines (i.e., Fluzone® QIV-HD) is depleted. **Accordingly, the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) is unable to fill orders for QIV-HD vaccines.** Moving forward, orders requesting QIV-HD vaccines will be substituted with Adjuvanted Trivalent Inactivated Vaccines (TIV-Adj) (i.e., Fluad®). There is a sufficient supply of Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccines (QIV) and Adjuvanted Trivalent Inactivated Vaccines (TIV-Adj).

**Do not delay vaccination for a particular vaccine product.** Delayed administration may result in lost opportunities to prevent infection from exposures to influenza prior to vaccination. It is important for eligible individuals to be vaccinated and the best vaccine is the one available first. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) indicates that any available age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be used. **There is no preferential recommendation for the use of QIV-HD versus TIV-Adj vaccines for those ≥ 65 years of age.**

**Please continue to order and administer influenza vaccines to all eligible individuals, including those most at-risk, as we continue to see increased influenza activity in Durham Region.**

Influenza orders can be placed online at [durham.ca/OrderInfluenzaVaccines](https://durham.ca/OrderInfluenzaVaccines).

Questions and concerns regarding QIV-HD vaccine supply for the 2022-2023 influenza season can be directed to the MOH at [uiip.moh@ontario.ca](mailto:uiip.moh@ontario.ca).

For more information, please visit [durham.ca/flu](https://durham.ca/flu) or [ontario.ca/influenza](https://ontario.ca/influenza).

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect Durham Region against vaccine-preventable diseases.

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | [durham.ca/health](https://durham.ca/health)

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