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Influenza Vaccine Now Available for High Risk Clients Only

The **Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIV)** and **High-Dose Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (high-dose TIV)** can now be ordered for **high risk clients only**. High risk clients include:

- persons at **high risk of influenza-related complications** or more likely to require hospitalization (e.g., young children under five years of age, individuals with neurologic or neurodevelopmental conditions, children and adolescents undergoing treatment with acetylsalicylic acid for long periods, adults 65 years of age and older, individuals of any age who are residents in long-term care homes or other chronic facilities, individuals with underlying health conditions, pregnant women and indigenous peoples);
- **persons capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk** (e.g., healthcare workers, household contacts of those at high risk and persons who provide child care to kids less than five years of age); and **swine and poultry industry workers**.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), influenza vaccine wastage **must be reduced**. This year vaccine orders **will be reduced** based on a calculation which includes the amount of flu vaccine each individual site wasted in the previous year.

Keep in mind the **size of your fridge** when ordering vaccine. Please allow **4 business days** for orders to be processed before picking up. Subsequent orders of influenza vaccine require a copy of your **vaccine fridge temperature logs since the date of the previous order**.

Submit your completed order form (attached) and your temperature logs with at least **7 days** of temperatures **between +2°C and +8°C**. Influenza immunization of the general population **will begin in late October**, at which time **additional** influenza vaccine orders can be placed. A subsequent FAX About will be sent to indicate when health care providers can start ordering for the general population.

For further information about the 2018/2019 Influenza season, please visit the MOHLTC website at ontario.ca/influenza

Health care provider resources now available to order online durham.ca/HCP.

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711, 1-800-841-2729

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If you prefer to receive this information in an electronic format please submit your request to healthresources@durham.ca

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