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## Influenza Vaccine is now Available for the General Public!

The official launch of the 2018/2019 Universal Influenza Immunization Program begins the week of October 22, 2018. As in previous years, **high priority groups** should be immunized **first** followed by the general public. The high priority groups include: persons at **high risk of influenza-related complications** or more likely to require **hospitalization** and persons capable of **transmitting influenza** to those at **high risk**.

Durham Region Health Department receives deliveries of flu vaccine from the Ontario Government Pharmacy in several shipments; therefore, you may receive either of the publicly funded **quadrivalent** influenza vaccines (**QIVs**) based on supply. **FluMist®** will also be released based on supply; it may be **substituted** with an alternative QIV. **FluZone® High-Dose** is **not** available as publicly funded through pharmacies.

Submit your **completed order form** (attached) and your **temperature logs** ensuring temperatures are between **+2°C and +8°C**.

- Orders submitted for general public prior to receiving this Fax About will need to be **resubmitted** with temperature logs.
- Keep in mind the **size** of your fridge when ordering vaccine (order no more than **one month's** supply).
- Please allow **4 business days** for orders to be processed before picking up influenza vaccine.
- According to the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 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.

2018/2019 influenza information is posted on the MOHLTC website available at [ontario.ca/influenza](http://ontario.ca/influenza)



Health care provider resources now available to order online [durham.ca/HCP](http://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](mailto:healthresources@durham.ca)

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