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Shortage of Shingles Vaccine (Zostavax®)

The Ontario Government Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Service (OGPMSS) is expected to **run out of Zostavax®** before it can be replenished by the manufacturer. At this time, it is anticipated that the **provincial supply will not be replenished until June 2019.**

To help manage the limited supply, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has implemented an allocation plan for Zostavax® for all public health units.

Current orders for publicly funded Zostavax® may not be filled due to this provincial shortage.

Until the Zostavax® supply is replenished, the MOHLTC is recommending that Zostavax®, a publicly funded vaccine for adults 65 to 70 years of age, be **prioritized for clients who are 70 years old**, before they age out of the provincial program on their 71st birthday.

Once an update regarding the provincial supply of Zostavax® is received, further information will be communicated.

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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