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.