



Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



Transition from Zostavax® II to Shingrix®

Effective 19 October 2020, Ontario's publicly funded shingles immunization program will transition from Zostavax® II to **Shingrix®** vaccine.

Shingrix® is a **two-dose series** with the second dose given 2-6 months after the first dose. Older adults ages 65 to 70 years will be eligible for the publicly funded Shingrix® vaccine, provided they have not previously received a publicly funded Zostavax® II dose.

As a result of COVID-19, individuals born in 1949 or 1950 (i.e., 70-year old turning 71 in 2020 or 2021 calendar year) who have missed the opportunity to receive the publicly funded Zostavax® II are eligible to receive Shingrix® and complete the 2-dose series by **December 31, 2021**.

Older adults outside the eligibility criteria can speak with their primary health care provider about decisions around shingles immunization, re-immunization or purchasing the vaccine privately.

Shingrix® vaccine is available in a **10-dose package** and can be ordered using the Monthly Vaccine Order form on www.durham.ca/hcp.

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