

## Durham Region Health Department FAX about...



For Health Care Professionals

# Influenza Vaccine Return

Thank you for providing influenza vaccine to Durham Region residents this respiratory season. Influenza season typically runs from October to April. Visit the **Durham Region Respiratory Virus Data Tracker** at <u>durham.ca/resptracker</u> to see the status of influenza cases in Durham Region.

A few doses of influenza vaccine can be kept on hand for patients that may require the vaccine out of season (e.g., school, travel) until the vaccine expires. All remaining influenza vaccine can now be returned to the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD). **Please return all influenza vaccine by June 30, 2025** with a completed <u>Vaccine Return Form</u> (durham.ca/hcp then see Forms and Reporting).

Vaccine returned to DRHD does not need to be returned in cold chain. Returned vaccine is accounted for and sent for proper disposal. Vaccine can be returned to the following locations:

#### Whitby Headquarters (Front Counter)

605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

Monday to Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

#### Port Perry Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

181 Perry Street, Suite 200, Port Perry.

Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. No drop-off available from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Other Respiratory Vaccines**

**Expired COVID-19 vaccines** should be disposed of by the administering organization and not returned to DRHD.

**Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines should not be returned to DRHD unless the vaccine has expired.** Most RSV vaccine inventory in Durham Region can be used during the 2025-2026 RSV season. **Continue to store non-expired RSV vaccine in your vaccine fridge until next RSV season**.

For vaccine storage and handling questions or concerns please contact 905-668-7711 ext. 3063. Contact DRHD immediately if fridge temperatures go below +2.0 °C or above +8.0 °C.

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