



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 durham.ca/resptracker to see the status of influenza cases in Durham Region.

A limited supply of influenza vaccine may be retained for clients who require immunization outside of the typical season (e.g., for school, travel) **until the vaccine expires**. All remaining influenza vaccine can now be returned to the Durham Region Health Department (DRHD). **Please ensure all influenza vaccines are returned by June 30, 2026** with a completed [Vaccine Return Form](https://durham.ca/hcp) (durham.ca/hcp then see Forms and Reporting).

Vaccine returned to DRHD **does not need cold chain**. Punctured vials with vaccine remaining that cannot be used should be discarded with your biohazard waste and noted on your vaccine return form.

Vaccine can be returned to the following locations:

Whitby Headquarters (Front Counter)

605 Rossland Rd. East, Whitby
Monday to Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Port Perry Office (2nd Floor)

181 Perry Street, Suite 200, Port Perry.
Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. No drop-off is available from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Other Respiratory Vaccines

Expired COVID-19 vaccines should be disposed of and not returned to DRHD.

RSV vaccines for infant and high-risk children (Beyfortus® and Abrysvo™) should not be returned to DRHD unless the vaccine has expired. **Continue to store non-expired RSV vaccine under appropriate vaccine storage and handling conditions for use during the 2026-2027 RSV season.** Arexvy® and Abrysvo™ vaccine for the older adult RSV program can be stored and administered throughout the spring and summer (e.g., year-round).

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. See [vaccine storage and handling guidelines](#) for further information.

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905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | durham.ca/health

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

