



# Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



## MMRV Vaccine Shortage

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has advised of a temporary **shortage of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella vaccine (MMRV) ProQuad® and Priorix-Tetra®**. The shortage is expected to be time-limited, with additional supply anticipated mid-May.

### Ensuring Correct Intervals Between Doses

During this period, MMR and Varicella vaccines may be administered **separately**. Please **ensure minimum intervals between doses** are followed so vaccines administered are considered **valid**.

Administration guidance:

- **Same day administration:** MMR and Varicella may be administered on the same day as separate injections (one in each arm).
- **Different-day administration:** When not administered on the same day, MMR and Varicella require a minimum interval of **4 weeks (28 days)** between doses.
- **Second doses:** For children due for their second dose of MMR and Varicella
  - If the first dose administered was **MMRV**, MMR and Varicella may be administered on the **same day**, if it has been at least **6 weeks (42 days)**.
  - Ensure all minimum interval requirements are met prior to administration

For minimum intervals between live vaccines, review Table 16 of the [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario](#).

### Ordering

Vaccine orders will be filled using the remaining MMRV supply, with substitutions of MMR and Varicella vaccine products as required. Please **order no more than a one-month supply** and **consider available fridge capacity** (including potential for substituted products) when placing orders.

Once MMRV supply is restored, new orders will be filled with MMRV. Previous orders will not be backfilled. Place orders using the [Monthly Vaccine Order Form](#) (durham.ca/hcp then see Forms and Order).

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