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**SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccine Distribution and Public Health Clinic Details**

**Date: October 6, 2020**

**Pages: 4 (with vaccine order form)**

**To:** Physicians, Hospitals, Long-term Care and Prequalified Retirement Homes

**From:** Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO

**Vaccine Distribution**

WDG Public Health has distributed vaccine to your office. Please begin immunizing patients for influenza as soon as you receive vaccine.

We are expecting to distribute our next allotment of influenza vaccine the week of October 26th. Additional Fluzone High Dose will be available at this time, however, based on the amount that we receive at WDG Public Health, we may not be able to accommodate all requests as ordered. Please continue to order influenza vaccine for your office as needed using the attached form and we will continue to try to fill each order based on our inventory. Weekly ordering will resume in November. Please refer to your ordering and delivery schedule.

The influenza vaccination should be offered to all patients over the age of six months.<sup>6</sup>

**Available influenza vaccine distributed by the Ministry:**

Product	New Product Abbreviation	Dosage	Packaging	Licensed Ages for Use
<b>Flulaval Tetra</b>	IIV4-SD (Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine-standard dose)	0.5ml	Multi-dose vial 10 doses/vial	≥ 6 months of age
<b>Fluzone Quadrivalent</b>	IIV4-SD (Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine-standard dose)	0.5ml	10 single dose prefilled syringes or Multi dose vial	≥ 6 months of age
<b>Flucelvax Quad</b> (Note: primarily distributed to pharmacies)	IIV4-SD (Quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine-standard dose)	0.5ml	10 single dose prefilled syringes or Multi dose vial	≥ 9 years of age
<b>Fluzone High Dose</b>	IIV3-HD (Trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine-high dose)	0.5ml	5 single dose prefilled syringes	65+ years

Please Note: Flumist (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine or LAIV4) will NOT be publicly funded in Canada for the 2020-2021 Flu season.

## Flu Vaccination Options for the Public

- 1) **Local pharmacies:** ages 5 and older. Note: pharmacies are administering high dose vaccine (IIV3-HD) this year for people aged 65+ but they will also have limited supplies and may immunize your patient with standard dose (SD) if the HD is not available.
- 2) **Primary care provider:** ages 6 months and up.
- 3) **Public Health:** ages 6 months and up, for people that cannot access their flu shot through a local pharmacy or a primary care provider

## Public Health Clinics

WDGPH will be providing influenza vaccination by appointment only to community members who cannot access the influenza vaccine through primary care providers or pharmacies. WDGPH clinic appointments will be booked via a user-friendly online booking system found on our website: [www.wdgpublichealth.ca/flu](http://www.wdgpublichealth.ca/flu).

Clinic dates will be offered as follows:

Location	Address	Dates	Times*
Guelph	WDGPH Office, 160 Chancellors Way	October 19 <sup>th</sup> to November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Monday - Thursday 9am - 6:30pm
Fergus	Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus*	October 26 <sup>th</sup> to November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday – Saturday 9am – 3:30pm
Orangeville	WDGPH Office, 180 Broadway	October 19 <sup>th</sup> to November 7 <sup>th</sup>	

\*Dates and times may be subject to change. For the most recent information visit [wdgpublichealth.ca/flu](http://wdgpublichealth.ca/flu)

WDGPH will also be immunizing residents and staff at local congregate living facilities (e.g. group homes, shelters, etc.) that do not have registered medical professionals. These congregate setting clinics dates will begin on October 14<sup>th</sup> and are estimated to be completed by October 29<sup>th</sup>.

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**For more information, refer to contact or website:**

### **WDGPH Vaccine and Medication Administrator: Guelph**

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**Influenza Vaccine Order Form**

**Order Instructions**

1. Review your current inventory and include number of doses in stock.
2. Please order **only** a **two-week supply** of Influenza vaccine and reorder as needed.
3. Fax this completed form to **519-823-4903**. Please include refrigerator temperature logs from the period of time since your last vaccine order.
4. Please place your order by noon every Thursday for delivery or pick-up the following week.
5. If you have questions about this order, please contact your Vaccine and Medication Administrator:  
 Guelph area: 519-822-2715 ext: 4170  
 Wellington and Dufferin area: 519-822-2715 ext: 2622

Order Information	
Healthcare Provider:	
Address:	
Ordered By:	Date:
Phone Number:	Fax:

Shipping Instructions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Courier Client	PICK-UP (After 2 p.m. Tuesdays): <input type="checkbox"/> Fergus <input type="checkbox"/> Guelph <input type="checkbox"/> Orangeville

**Pick-Up Instructions**

1. A face covering is required when entering and while on the premises of WDGPH.
2. If you have been exposed or have COVID-19 symptoms, please do not enter WDGPH and consider using the courier.
3. Please ensure you arrive with the appropriate packing material when picking up vaccine.
4. Orders for pickup must be transported using a hard sided cooler, 2 water blankets, 4 ice packs & a thermometer. If you have questions on how to pack a vaccine cooler, please contact your Vaccine and Medication Administrator.

Vaccine Order Details			
Vaccine	Eligibility	Doses in Stock	Doses Requested
IIV4-SD FlulavalTetra/Fluzone *Flucelvax Quad	6 months and older *9 years and older		
IIV3-HD Fluzone High-Dose	65 years and older		

**NOTE:** Those 65 years of age and older have the option of receiving either Fluzone High-Dose (IIV3-HD) or Quadrivalent (IIV4-SD). Please note that due to the limited supply of High-Dose Fluzone, orders may be adjusted.