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Health Care Provider Update

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To: Health Care Providers
From: Dr. Karalyn Dueck, Medical Officer of Health
Re: **New Health Care Provider Web Pages, Fall Respiratory Webinar, Access to Non-Publicly-Funded RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) Vaccine**

Introducing New Health Care Professional Web Pages

Lambton Public Health is excited to announce the launch of new health care professional web pages to support information and resource needs of health care providers. Discover new tools including digital ordering, reporting, referral forms, and links to clinical guidance documents. We invite you to share this resource with your office and team members.

Visit <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/hcp> to discover information in the following topic areas;

Advisories & Newsletters	Maternal/Child Health
Resource Ordering	Oral/Dental Health
Health Statistics and Reports	Sexual & Reproductive Health
Infectious Disease Prevention & Control	Social Determinants of Health
Vaccines	Substance Use

At Lambton Public Health we recognize that health care providers are key to the health of our local community. We are here to support you in supporting your patients, which is why we have developed the following enhanced features and functionality:

- Stay connected by signing up for public health Advisories and Newsletters.
- Directly report animal bites and scratches to our Public Health Inspectors through our digital Animal Bite Reporting form.
- Easily connect your patients with young children to public health programming with our new digital Family Health Referral form.
- Skip the additional paperwork and administrative steps with the new all-in-one online Vaccine Order form.
- Download resources directly, or place a resource order for your clinic through our digital Resource Order form.
- Easily connect to clinical program staff with program-specific emails and extensions.
- Let us know how we can better support you by providing feedback in the “did you find what you were looking for” comment boxes.

Watch a quick [video introduction to the New Health Care Professional Web Pages](#).

For questions or support using the new forms and health care provider web pages, email healthcarepartners@county-lambton.on.ca or call **519-383-8331 ext. 3568** to speak with a member of our health care provider engagement team.

Fall Respiratory Preparedness Webinar

Have questions about the upcoming respiratory season?

Join us November 13th, from 10am-11am, for the Sarnia-Lambton Fall Respiratory Preparedness Webinar

Hosted by the Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team in partnership with Bluewater Health, Lambton Public Health, and Ontario Health West. The topics will include updates from Bluewater Health, LPH vaccination & IPAC Hub updates, accessing rapid antigen tests & personal protective equipment, primary care options, outbreak management, and Ontario Health West regional updates. See attached promotional poster and meeting invite for more information.

Access to Non-Publicly-Funded RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) Vaccine

Ontario's Ministry of Health has initiated rollout of the publicly-funded RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) vaccine program, for individuals ages 60 years and older living in Long-Term Care Homes, Elder Care Lodges, and Retirement Homes that provide Dementia Care. As part of the provincial publicly-funded RSV vaccine initiative, Lambton Public Health is currently working with these institutions to ensure coordination of vaccine administration for older adults in these settings.

Patients 60 years and older who do not qualify for Ontario's publicly-funded RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) vaccine, can receive a prescription from their primary care provider and purchase the vaccine. Some private insurers may cover all or part of the cost of the vaccine. Each dose costs approximately \$250. Patients can check with their insurance company for more information on their individual coverage.

Pharmacists are not authorized to administer RSV vaccines in pharmacies at present, therefore, the vaccine should be administered in the primary care provider's office. ***As the respiratory season continues, updates on availability of RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) vaccine will be provided, in keeping with the provincial initiative.***

RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) is only authorized for adults 60 years of age and older. In Canada, there are not currently any RSV vaccines authorized for pregnant women or infants. See the Ministry of Health's website for more information about the [RSV Prophylaxis for High-Risk Infants Program](#).

More information about RSVpreF3 (Arexvy) vaccine can be found in the [product monograph](#), and the attached Ministry of Health fact sheet.

For any questions, please contact Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331.