

Lambton Public Health

Health Care Professionals Newsletter and Update From: Dr. Karalyn Dueck, Medical Officer of Health

Date: September 17, 2024

Re: 2024/2025 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) –

Implementation Package

Thank you to those who have submitted your influenza vaccine opt-in forms. If you have not submitted your opt-in form, please submit this by 4:30 p.m. today, Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

Please find attached the 2024/25 UIIP implementation package, including:

- A memo to health care providers from the Chief Medical Officer of Health
- General and age-specific fact sheets

Further information can be found on the Ministry of Health UIIP website.

Lambton Public Health expects that primary care providers will be able to pick up their initial influenza vaccine allocation by mid-October (a memo will follow specifying the pick-up date). Please begin immunizing your high-risk patients as soon as your supply is received. The general population will be eligible starting October 28, 2024. LPH will communicate the date that influenza vaccine re-orders will be accepted and include an order form at that time.

Lambton Public Health will be offering pediatric COVID-19 and influenza vaccine clinics this fall. LPH will be offering a mobile clinic focus for populations this respiratory season (e.g. congregate setting residents, First Nations communities, homebound individuals). In alignment with the Ontario Ministry of Health's respiratory season vaccination campaign for 2024/2025, LPH will be encouraging all other individuals to visit their health care provider or pharmacy as soon as they become eligible for COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations that will be accessible in these settings. More information will be available at GetTheVaccine.ca in October.

For further information on the Ontario Ministry of Health's respiratory season vaccination campaign for RSV, influenza, and COVID-19, please see the <u>Ministry of Health News Release: Ontario Enhancing Tools to Help People Prepare for Respiratory Illness Season.</u>

If you have any questions, please contact us at HealthCarePartners@county-lambton.on.ca or 519-383-8331.

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