

Date: September 23, 2026

From: Dr. Dueck, Medical Officer of Health

Re: Market Withdrawal of LP.8.1 Formulations COVID-19 Vaccines; 2026/27 Programs for Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV; Expanded Access Clinics; Resources

This memo provides health care providers with information related to:

- I. [Market Withdrawal of 2025/26 COVID-19 LP8.1 vaccine formulations](#)
- II. [2026/27 Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV immunization programs](#)
- III. [Expanded Access Clinics](#)
- IV. [Resources](#)

Please distribute to health care providers in your network that may require this information.

I. Market Withdrawal of LP.8.1 Formulations COVID-19 Vaccines

The Ontario Ministry of Health has confirmed the regulatory withdrawal of all 2025/26 Moderna Spikevax® and Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty® COVID-19 LP.8.1 vaccine formulations across Canada. This withdrawal is part of Health Canada's transition to the updated Spikevax® and Comirnaty® Omicron XFG formulations for the 2026/27 respiratory illness season. This market withdrawal is not related to product quality, safety, or efficacy.

Action Required: If your site has 2025/26 Moderna Spikevax® or Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty® COVID-19 LP.8.1 vaccine remaining in inventory:

- Quarantine and dispose of the vaccine immediately in an appropriate sharps container.
- Report all wasted doses to Lambton Public Health (LPH) as soon as possible so that inventory can be updated.
- No action is required if your site does not have either of these products in stock.

With the withdrawal of the LP.8.1 products, there will be a temporary gap in COVID-19 vaccine availability until the updated XFG formulation becomes available for the 2026/27 respiratory illness season. During this period, please continue to counsel patients that immunization with the updated XFG formulation is recommended once available. The updated formulation is intended to provide improved protection against currently circulating COVID-19 strains compared with earlier vaccine formulations.

Health care providers are encouraged to review the Ministry of Health, [Chief Medical Officer of Health's letter](#) for fulsome details and guidance.

II. 2026/27 Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV Program Information

Below is the 2026/27 Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV program information, which includes:

- [A memo to health care providers from the Chief Medical Officer of Health.](#)
- Health care provider vaccine fact sheets for influenza ([6 months to 64 years of age](#); [65 years of age and older](#)) and [COVID-19](#).
 - RSV fact sheets will be shared once received; RSV vaccine product may be available in advance of the fact sheets.

LPH is now accepting orders for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines. Initial vaccine supply will be prioritized for hospitals and long-term care homes (LTCHs) for the immunization of hospital patients and staff, and LTCH residents, staff, and caregivers. As provincial supply increases, priority will expand to retirement homes, other congregate settings, and high-risk and priority populations.

Health care providers may begin immunizing **high-risk and priority populations as soon as vaccine supply is received**. The general population will be eligible for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines beginning **October 26, 2026**.

The Older Adult RSV Prevention Program is available year-round, and health care providers may continue to order RSV vaccine throughout the year.

The Infant and High-Risk Children RSV Prevention Program begins **October 1, 2026**. Health Care Providers may submit orders for this program beginning October 1.

To support equitable vaccine distribution and appropriate cold chain maintenance:

- **Order quantities:** Limit respiratory vaccine orders to approximately a **one-month supply**. If you are planning a larger respiratory immunization clinic, please contact vaccineorders@county-lambton.on.ca so we can assist with your order.
- **Temperature logs:** Submit the last **seven consecutive days** of vaccine refrigerator temperature logs with your order.
- **Vaccine supply:** Respiratory vaccine availability is subject to provincial supply, and LPH may adjust order quantities to support equitable distribution.

How to Order

Vaccine orders and temperature logs can be submitted through the [online Vaccine Order Form](#) on the LPH website. If you experience difficulty submitting an order through the online form, please contact vaccineorders@county-lambton.on.ca for assistance.

III. Expanded Access Clinics

As directed by the Ministry of Health's 2026/27 respiratory immunization program, LPH will offer expanded access immunization clinics this season to support increased access to

publicly funded respiratory vaccines for eligible individuals.

LPH will offer:

- COVID-19 and influenza vaccine clinics for children and families;
- Mobile clinics to support access for vulnerable populations in the community; and
- Expanded access COVID-19, influenza, and older adult RSV vaccine clinic for all eligible individuals throughout November and December.

These expanded clinic offerings are intended to complement vaccine delivery through primary care providers, pharmacies, and other community immunization providers.

IV. Resources

- [Chief Medical Officer of Health Letter to Health Care Providers RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Market Withdrawal](#)
- [2026–2027 UIIP Chief Medical Officer of Health Letter to Health Care Providers](#)
- [2026–2027 COVID-19 Vaccine Health Care Provider Fact Sheet](#)
- [2026–2027 UIIP Influenza Vaccine Fact Sheet \(6 months to 64 years\)](#)
- [2026–2027 UIIP Influenza Vaccine Fact Sheet \(65 years and older\)](#)