

UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE: HIGH DOSE QUADRIVALENT INACTIVATED INFLUENZA VACCINE (HD-QIV) SUPPLY DEPLETED

To York Region health care professionals as of November 3, 2023

Due to high demand during the current Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) campaign, the Ministry of Health has announced that all doses of the High Dose Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza (HD-QIV) vaccines allocated to Public Health Units have been distributed and the York Region Public Health (YRPH) supply is now depleted.

As a result, YRPH can no longer fulfill orders for HD-QIV submitted on or after November 3, 2023.

Alternative Flu Vaccines

The [National Immunization Committee on Immunization \(NACI\)](#) states that in the absence of a specific product, any of the available age appropriate influenza vaccines may be used for individuals 65 years of age and older:

- **Adjuvanted Trivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (TIV-adj)** – Approved for individuals 65 years of age and over without contraindications to the vaccine.
- **Quadrivalent Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (QIV)** – Approved for anyone six months of age and over without contraindications to the vaccine.

To order additional flu vaccines: complete the [UIIP 2023-2024 Influenza Vaccine Order Form](#) and send it to vaccineinventory@york.ca or fax it to 905-830-0578 with the most current five business days of refrigeration temperature logs.

More information on the distribution and ordering of flu vaccines:

[Flu Vaccine Distribution and Ordering for York Region Health Care Professionals.](#)

Additional information:

[Vaccination Information for Health Care Professionals](#)

**DO NOT DELAY FLU VACCINATION
OF PATIENTS TO WAIT FOR A
PARTICULAR PRODUCT.**

It is important to vaccinate patients as soon as possible and to continue to administer any available influenza vaccine to those 65 years of age and older. Early uptake of the flu vaccine will help to keep the number of flu cases low.