2025-2026 UNIVERSAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (UIIP)

FOR YORK REGION HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS as of October 6, 2025

The <u>Universal Influenza Immunization Program</u> (UIIP) provides free influenza vaccines to all Ontarians. Individuals aged 6 months and older who live, work, or attend school in Ontario can get the influenza vaccine.

York Region Public Health (YRPH) has received its first allocation of influenza vaccines, which are now available for healthcare professionals in York Region to order. The publicly funded influenza vaccines available include:

- 1. Trivalent inactivated vaccine (TIV) for those ≥ six (6) months of age
- 2. High-dose trivalent inactivated vaccine (TIV-HD) for those ≥ 65 years only
- 3. Adjuvanted trivalent inactivated vaccine (TIV-adj) for those ≥ 65 years only

Immunization Priority

Administration of influenza vaccines is to be prioritized for:

- ✓ Individuals at high risk of flu related complications or hospitalization
- ✓ Health care workers and first responders
- ✓ Individuals with significant exposure to birds or mammals (e.g., veterinarians, farm workers)

COVID-19 and influenza vaccines should be offered to eligible individuals in high-risk and priority groups as soon as it becomes available at your office. Influenza vaccines may be offered to the general population starting October 27, 2025.

Do not schedule immunization appointments until vaccine supplies have been received to avoid potential issues related to supply shortages, processing delays, or delivery disruptions. Large-scale community vaccination clinics for the general population should be planned for November to ensure there is an adequate vaccine supply.

Vaccine Co-Administration

Whenever possible and appropriate, consider the co-administration of COVID-19 vaccine and influenza vaccine, as well as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine or monoclonal antibody (mAb) product to maximize uptake and protection. If multiple injections are to be given during the same visit, separate limbs should be used if possible.



Influenza Vaccine Ordering Process

- Complete and email the attached 2025-2026 UIIP Influenza Vaccine Order Form to <u>vaccineinventory@york.ca</u> or fax to 905-830-0578. Email is recommended as you will receive a confirmation of receipt.
 - ✓ Ensure all mandatory fields are completed to avoid processing delays.
 - ✓ Include the most current five (5) business days of refrigerator temperature logs
 - ✓ Allow a minimum of five (5) business days to process the order (due to high volume)
- You will be notified by telephone or e-mail when your order is ready for pickup
- The number of doses received may be adjusted due to provincial and local vaccine supply
- You may begin placing reorders starting on October 27, 2025. To ensure equitable distribution, reorders submitted prior to October 27, 2025, will not be accepted or processed
- To minimize vaccine wastage, order small quantities of vaccines on an as-needed basis and consider available storage space in your YRPH-inspected vaccine refrigerator

Temperature Log Documentation Standards

Your influenza vaccine order form submission must include a refrigerator temperature log with the most current five (5) business days of temperatures with the following requirements:

- Document temperatures <u>exactly as shown</u> on the thermometer's display screen, to one digit after the decimal (i.e., to the tenth decimal place)
- Document the current, maximum, and minimum temperatures twice daily including the date, time, and recorder's initials
- Clear your digital thermometer's memory after each temperature recording
- Use only blue or black ink. Do not use white-out or write over any temperature recordings
- Ensure your five-digit holding point code (HPC) is clearly indicated on your temperature log (Example: YOR NW 01234)

Influenza Vaccine Order Pickup

- Before arriving at the pickup location, ensure transport coolers are <u>properly configured and preconditioned</u> between +2.0°C and +8.0°C to avoid pickup delays
- York Region staff will verify the transport cooler's temperature and setup conditions prior to releasing the vaccine order

Adverse Storage Conditions (ASC)

If any publicly funded vaccines are exposed to temperatures below +2.0°C and/or above +8.0°C at any time (e.g., during transport, in storage), immediately report to YRPH at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74065 (24/7, including statutory holidays)

Do <u>not</u> administer or discard the exposed vaccines until YRPH has completed an ASC investigation and vaccine viability assessment.

Multi-Dose Vial Format

The majority of TIV influenza vaccines are provided in the multi-dose vial format. Multi-dose vials of the vaccine contain 10 doses per vial. Ensure the use of <u>best practice standards</u> to maximize the use of an entire multi-dose vial and prevent vaccine-related medication errors.

- Label the multi-dose vial with the date it was first punctured
- Any doses remaining in a punctured multi-dose vial must be stored in the refrigerator and discarded according to the manufacturer's expiration date or within 28 days, <u>whichever occurs</u> <u>first.</u> Refer to the product leaflet/monograph for specific shelf-life of each punctured multi-dose vial product
- Reduce vaccine wastage by following the Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines

UIIP Resources

Visit York Region's Vaccination Information for Healthcare Professionals <u>webpage</u>. Attached are the Ministry of Health's 2025-2026 UIIP implementation documents:

- Chief Medical Officer of Health's Memo to Health Care Providers re: Ontario's Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) 2025-2026
- Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Influenza Immunization for Individuals 6 months to 64 years of age
- Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Influenza Immunization for Individuals ≥ 65 years of age

Contact Us

For more information, visit our website at <u>York.ca/VaccineInventory</u>, or contact York Region's Vaccine Inventory Program by phone at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033, or by email at <u>vaccineinventory@york.ca</u>.

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*Holding Point Code: YOR_NW

Requisition number:

UIIP 2025-2026 Influenza Vaccine Order Form

SECTION 1 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

- 1. Complete all mandatory fields (*) missing information will result in delays to your order.
- 2. Do not over stock your refrigerator with vaccines. Ordering excess vaccine can increase the risk of wastage.
- 3. Entire current refrigerator inventory amount must be entered. Please enter "0" if there is no vaccine.
- 4. Orders must include the most current five business days of refrigerator temperature logs.
- 5. Email both pages to VaccineInventory@york.ca to avoid delays in processing, or fax to 905-830-0578.
- 6. You will receive a notification by telephone call or e-mail when your order is ready for pick-up.

Reorders for influenza vaccines can be placed starting October 27, 2025. Reorders submitted prior to October 27, 2025 will not be accepted or processed.

SECTION 2 — HEALTHCARE PROVIDER INFORMATION *Holding Point Code: YOR_NW

*Healthcare provider/Practice name

*Type of practice: General practice Pediatrician Other:

*Contact person *Phone number

*Fax *Email

Unit number *Street number *Street address

*City/Town *Postal code

SECTION 3 – PICK UP LOCATIONS

*Select pick-up location. Our office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m., Monday to Friday at all locations.

Newmarket Vaughan Richmond Hill Markham Georgina 17150 Yonge St. 9060 Jane St. 50 High Tech Rd.. 4261 24262

Highway 7 East Woodbine Ave.

SECTION 4 — ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

By submitting this order, I verify on behalf of the practice that the refrigerator storing publicly funded vaccines, at the location listed above, maintains temperatures between +2.0°C to +8.0°C; meets MOH Vaccine Storage and Handling Protocols and Guidelines; maximum, minimum, and current temperatures are recorded at least twice daily. Furthermore, I verify that no more than one month supply of vaccine is stored at the location listed above; red-dotted and short-dated vaccines are used first; expired vaccines are never administered and are returned as wastage; a review of vaccine inventory and checking for expired vaccines has been completed before placing orders; and all due diligence has been taken to prevent the wastage of publicly funded vaccines. I understand that I am required to maintain accurate temperature logs that must be kept onsite for a minimum of two years and made accessible to York Region Public Health upon request. Upon vaccine pick-up, I will have the necessary materials for the safe transport of publicly funded vaccines including properly conditioned hard sided, insulated container, digital temperature monitoring device, and appropriate packaging material.

Complete and submit pages 1 and 2



UIIP 2025-2026 Influenza Vaccine Order Form

SECTION 5 – INFLUENZA VACCINE INVENTORY AND REQUEST

Trade Name(s) (Subject to Availability)	Vaccine	UIIP Eligibility Age Group	Format	Entire Current Vaccine Inventory Number in Doses	Number of Doses Requested
Fluviral® Fluzone® Flucelvax®	TIV	6 months & older	Pre-filled Syringe/ Multi-dose Vial		
Fluad®	TIV-adjuvanted	65 years & older	Pre-filled Syringe		
Fluzone® High-Dose	TIV-HD	65 years & older	Pre-filled Syringe		

(OPTIONAL) NOTES ON VACCINE ORDER			

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Entered by/date:	Packed by/date:				
Sorted by/date:	Audited by/date:				