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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medical Officers of Health and Associate Medical Officers of Health

FROM: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister

RE: 2025/2026 COVID-19 vaccine program and Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) – Implementation Package

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with information on the 2025/2026 Ontario COVID-19 vaccine program and Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP).

I would like to start off by acknowledging the efforts of yourself and your staff in the planning and implementation of the annual COVID-19 vaccine program and Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP).

The COVID-19 and influenza vaccination campaigns, as well as the RSV infant, high-risk children and adult programs (per previous information shared) for the 2025/2026 respiratory illness season are expected to reduce the risk of severe illness and reduce the burden on system capacity.

Please disseminate the attached fact sheets and Health Care Provider (HCP) letter to HCPs and settings within your jurisdiction.

Highlights of changes:

Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP):

- Switch from quadrivalent inactivated vaccines (QIV) to trivalent inactivated vaccines (TIV) for influenza vaccines.

COVID-19 vaccine program:

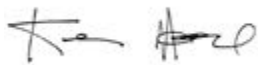
- Eligibility criteria for COVID-19 is now aligned with the UIIP (i.e. 6 months of age and older who live, work, or go to school in Ontario)
- Transition to annual program with one fact sheet for the respiratory season.
- High-risk groups and priority populations remain the same, however, high-risk populations have been divided into two groups.
- Timing of immunization more explicit.
- For individuals who have completed their primary series, only the minimum interval between subsequent doses is specified.

The Vaccine Policy and Programs Branch will continue to engage with your immunization / UIIP program leads to support continued planning, implementation and monitoring of the 2025/2026 COVID-19 vaccine program and UIIP.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Senior Nurse Consultants, Jennifer Lum (Jennifer.S.Lum@ontario.ca) or Tsui Scott (Tsui.Scott@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

1. Operational Information Sheet (for PHU use only)
2. Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Influenza Immunization for Individuals 6 months to 64 years of age
3. Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Influenza Immunization for Individuals ≥ 65 years of age
4. Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: 2025/2026 COVID-19 Vaccine Program
5. CMOH Letter to HCPs re: Ontario's UIIP and COVID-19 vaccine program – 2025/2026