

SUMMARY

Monthly LGL Health Care Providers - Public Health Networking Call Tuesday, October 3, 2023

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Recording: No recording this month

Password: n/a

1.0 Welcome – Dr. Linna Li, Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Medical Officer of Health (Chair)

Welcome to all those in attendance. Summary – posted on our HCP website section.

Becky gave a brief overview of Public Health Ontario's - [Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool](#)

The Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool provides comprehensive epidemiological information of respiratory virus activity in Ontario, including COVID-19, influenza and other respiratory viruses. Explore respiratory virus data including weekly case trends, laboratory testing, and outbreaks. The tool also contains additional COVID-19-specific data including: outcomes (hospitalizations, deaths, and ICU and hospital bed occupancy) and COVID-19 vaccination and dose administration.

2.0 General Health Updates – Dr. Linna Li, LGLDHU MOH

2.1 Respiratory Season beginning in LGL

Co administration between Influenza and COVID-19 vaccine is recommended this year.

We are moving towards routine vaccinations with COVID-19. No longer counting doses. It will now focus on when your last dose was and if you are part of the eligible group, similar to Influenza and Tetanus.

For most people, this will be annually. The province will make this recommendation.

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/vaccine/COVID-19_vaccine_administration.pdf

2.2 Memo - **Avian Influenza Surveillance in Hospitalized Patients** – Update (*attached*)

2.3 **Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV)** - Two more horses in the Lanark area have died from EEEV.

EEEV is normally found in wild birds but can occasionally spread to horses and humans through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Similar to West Nile Virus, humans get infected with EEEV through the bite of an infected mosquito (humans do not get infected from a horse or another human). The mosquitoes that carry the virus are usually found close to flooded woodlands.

Over the years, there have been three human cases of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in Ontario. Although rare, it can cause a serious neurological disease in all age groups, even death.

Best protection is mosquito bite prevention strategies. Mosquitos are still active, especially with the recent warmer weather.

Symptoms are general flu like and then progress to encephalitis. If you suspect EEEV, please let us know you are testing for it.

<https://healthunit.org/two-more-horses-in-lgl-with-eeev/>

3.0 Vaccines and Clinics – Erin McLean, LGLDHU VPD Coordinator

3.1 Immunization Clinics at the Health Unit – Updates

- The Health Unit will not be doing any large community flu or covid-19 clinics. We no longer have the extra staff to support them.
- HU Office covid clinics – very small, only providing for children and for those unable to have an mRNA vaccine (Novavax).
 - New online appointment booking system
<https://reservation.frontdesksuite.ca/lglldhu/immunization>.

3.2 Vaccine Ordering & Delivery Check-in

Influenza

- First allotment of Influenza vaccine was received late last week. Orders will be ship to our first high risk group (LTCH, Hospitals and some Retirement Homes).
- For vaccine orders, please order through <https://healthunit.org/for-professionals/health-care-dental/immunization-resources/vaccine-order-form/>. Order form will be updated today.
- Fax machine will be sunsetting and fax orders will no longer be received by the end of October 2023.
 - If you have difficulties, please email vaccine.orders@healthunit.org.
- Please remember temp logs also need to be emailed. Not doing so, may delay your order from being processed.
- 2023/2024 UIIP package has been realised (attached).
- We don't know when pharmacies will begin to get their flu shipments. It comes from a third party. Typically it is a week or two after we get our first shipment.

COVID-19

- Health Canada approved Pfizer XBB last week – We hope to start getting shipments in the next few weeks. There will be a separate vaccine for children. The infant on will still require a diluent.
- We did received a small amount of Moderna XBB. It will be sent out to LTC along with Influenza to ensure co administration.
- Province has aligned the two high risk groups for these vaccines.
- Vaccine Handling Information - [General COVID-19: Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidance \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www2.gov.on.ca/govcontent/default.asp?lang=En&nav=5263_131_132_133_134_135_136_137_138_139_140_141_142_143_144_145_146_147_148_149_150_151_152_153_154_155_156_157_158_159_160_161_162_163_164_165_166_167_168_169_170_171_172_173_174_175_176_177_178_179_180_181_182_183_184_185_186_187_188_189_190_191_192_193_194_195_196_197_198_199_200_201_202_203_204_205_206_207_208_209_210_211_212_213_214_215_216_217_218_219_220_221_222_223_224_225_226_227_228_229_230_231_232_233_234_235_236_237_238_239_240_241_242_243_244_245_246_247_248_249_250_251_252_253_254_255_256_257_258_259_260_261_262_263_264_265_266_267_268_269_270_271_272_273_274_275_276_277_278_279_280_281_282_283_284_285_286_287_288_289_290_291_292_293_294_295_296_297_298_299_300_301_302_303_304_305_306_307_308_309_310_311_312_313_314_315_316_317_318_319_320_321_322_323_324_325_326_327_328_329_330_331_332_333_334_335_336_337_338_339_340_341_342_343_344_345_346_347_348_349_350_351_352_353_354_355_356_357_358_359_360_361_362_363_364_365_366_367_368_369_370_371_372_373_374_375_376_377_378_379_380_381_382_383_384_385_386_387_388_389_390_391_392_393_394_395_396_397_398_399_400_401_402_403_404_405_406_407_408_409_410_411_412_413_414_415_416_417_418_419_420_421_422_423_424_425_426_427_428_429_430_431_432_433_434_435_436_437_438_439_440_441_442_443_444_445_446_447_448_449_450_451_452_453_454_455_456_457_458_459_460_461_462_463_464_465_466_467_468_469_470_471_472_473_474_475_476_477_478_479_480_481_482_483_484_485_486_487_488_489_490_491_492_493_494_495_496_497_498_499_500_501_502_503_504_505_506_507_508_509_510_511_512_513_514_515_516_517_518_519_520_521_522_523_524_525_526_527_528_529_530_531_532_533_534_535_536_537_538_539_540_541_542_543_544_545_546_547_548_549_550_551_552_553_554_555_556_557_558_559_560_561_562_563_564_565_566_567_568_569_570_571_572_573_574_575_576_577_578_579_580_581_582_583_584_585_586_587_588_589_590_591_592_593_594_595_596_597_598_599_600_601_602_603_604_605_606_607_608_609_610_611_612_613_614_615_616_617_618_619_620_621_622_623_624_625_626_627_628_629_630_631_632_633_634_635_636_637_638_639_640_641_642_643_644_645_646_647_648_649_650_651_652_653_654_655_656_657_658_659_660_661_662_663_664_665_666_667_668_669_670_671_672_673_674_675_676_677_678_679_680_681_682_683_684_685_686_687_688_689_690_691_692_693_694_695_696_697_698_699_700_701_702_703_704_705_706_707_708_709_710_711_712_713_714_715_716_717_718_719_720_721_722_723_724_725_726_727_728_729_730_731_732_733_734_735_736_737_738_739_740_741_742_743_744_745_746_747_748_749_750_751_752_753_754_755_756_757_758_759_760_761_762_763_764_765_766_767_768_769_770_771_772_773_774_775_776_777_778_779_780_781_782_783_784_785_786_787_788_789_790_791_792_793_794_795_796_797_798_799_800_801_802_803_804_805_806_807_808_809_810_811_812_813_814_815_816_817_818_819_820_821_822_823_824_825_826_827_828_829_830_831_832_833_834_835_836_837_838_839_840_841_842_843_844_845_846_847_848_849_850_851_852_853_854_855_856_857_858_859_860_861_862_863_864_865_866_867_868_869_870_871_872_873_874_875_876_877_878_879_880_881_882_883_884_885_886_887_888_889_890_891_892_893_894_895_896_897_898_899_900_901_902_903_904_905_906_907_908_909_910_911_912_913_914_915_916_917_918_919_920_921_922_923_924_925_926_927_928_929_930_931_932_933_934_935_936_937_938_939_940_941_942_943_944_945_946_947_948_949_950_951_952_953_954_955_956_957_958_959_960_961_962_963_964_965_966_967_968_969_970_971_972_973_974_975_976_977_978_979_980_981_982_983_984_985_986_987_988_989_990_991_992_993_994_995_996_997_998_999_1000).
- There are no prefilled syringes or single doses for COVID -19.
- XBB is the preferred vaccine this season. Still have a small inventory of Bivalent. If you require it, please ask for it specifically.
- Novavax XBB coming.
- COVAXon documentation is still a requirement. Email COVAX enrolments COVAXenrolments@healthunit.org to get back in again.

RSV vaccine

- Health Canada has recently approved a RSV vaccine for adults 60+ - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-4-active-vaccines/respiratory-syncytial-virus.html>.
- We will be receiving a very small shipment.
- In Ontario it is currently only publically funded for LTC only and prioritized RH residents
- Receiving in the next week and then will distribute.

- Pharmacies – should be receiving vaccine soon – COVID, Influenza and limited amount of RSV (RX required).
 - Invitee shared that a patient of theirs recently got the RSV vaccine at a pharmacy in Kingston. Cost was \$280.
- The hope is to have a RSV child vaccine in the spring (currently only very high risk groups (eg. micro preemies are eligible through specialized centers, like CHEO).
- RSV adult is a good vaccine, but priority should be given to Influenza and COVID-19 due to efficacy and what is in circulation.

School vaccine – grade 7 program

- In school – grades 7, 8 and 9 starting this week.
- In Health Unit clinics (early evening) grades 10 – 12 and students who have reason to not be immunized at school.
- New online appointment booking system
<https://reservation.frontdesksuite.ca/lglldhu/immunization>.
- Memo going out to schools/parents hopefully this week.
- If you get request for in office – school vaccines, please hold off until after Christmas and try to redirect them to our clinics.
 - We will be pulling coverage reports at the end of the year and will be following up with parents in the New Year. It is more effective if we provide the vaccines in order to ensure our records are up to date.

4.0 PPE & Respiratory Season – Jennifer Adams, Clinical Services Manager

4.1 Deferred

5.0 Meeting Adjournment – Next Meeting Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM

Additional Resource

Canadian Immunization Guide Chapter Update

- We are pleased to inform you of the web-publishing of a couple of printable resources to aid health professionals in the diagnosis and management of anaphylaxis following immunization a community setting.
- These resources align with the guidance provided in the CIG's [Anaphylaxis and other acute reactions following vaccination](#) chapter.
[Immunization resources for health professionals: Printable awareness products](#)
- Direct links:
[Dosage of intramuscular EPINEPHrine 1:1000 \(1 mg/mL\) solution, by age or weight \(printable table\)](#)
[Anaphylaxis following vaccination in community settings: Visual aid for diagnosis and management \(printable poster\)](#)