



TO: Retirement Homes in Peterborough County and City
FROM: Edwina Dusome, Manager, Infectious Disease Program
RE: Prequalification for Influenza Vaccine Clinics for 2014-2015 Season
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This memo is to remind you that all Retirement Homes who wish to administer influenza vaccine must complete the prequalification process to participate in the 2014-2015 Seasonal Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP). Vaccine will be available for distribution for high risk groups next week. Those facilities that have completed this process and also had a satisfactory cold chain inspection will be able to receive vaccine.

To participate in the seasonal UIIP, please complete the annual prequalification process which can be found at the Ontario Ministry of Health's website:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/flu/uiip/prequalification.aspx>

The completed and signed prequalification form AND supporting documentation must be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. DO NOT SEND information to the Health Unit.

Organizations that do not intend to store publicly funded influenza vaccine on their premises, but want to host an influenza clinic do not have to prequalify. Instead, these organizations may retain the services (at a cost) of an external health care agency that has prequalified with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to administer the influenza vaccine on their behalf. A list of these agencies may be available from the Health Unit at a later date.

If you have questions about the process, please contact the Ministry of Health representative at:

UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca or call me at (705)743-1000 ext. 271.