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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

RE: 2023/2024 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) –

Implementation Package

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with information on the 2023/2024 Ontario 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 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP). This fall will be an especially important year for the UIIP as we anticipate the cocirculation of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and influenza. Furthermore, we acknowledge the tremendous amount of work that goes into the delivery and administration of the program. For this upcoming season over 6.1M doses of influenza vaccine have been procured.

The ministry will be launching COVID-19 and influenza vaccination campaigns for the 2023/2024 respiratory illness season. These programs will help to reduce the risk of severe illness that could arise from COVID-19, and influenza this season. More information will be shared regarding the COVID-19 fall program. Information on RSV vaccination will be shared separately.

Please disseminate the attached Q & A documents and Health Care Provider (HCP) letter to HCPs in your jurisdiction.

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 2023/2024 UIIP.

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

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- 1. Operational Information Sheet (for PHU use only)
- 2. Health Care Provider Qs & As: Influenza Immunization Information for the 2023/2024 Influenza Season
- 3. Health Care Provider Qs & As: Influenza Immunization Information for Individuals 6 months to 64 years of age
- 4. Health Care Provider Qs & As: Influenza Immunization Information for Individuals ≥65 years of age
- CMOH Memo to HCPs re: Ontario's UIIP 2023/2024