



Healthcare Provider Webinar
Middlesex and London Region
September 20, 2022

Welcome

Presenter:

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Surveillance Report

As of September 19th:

- Local data:

42,771

441

479

41,851

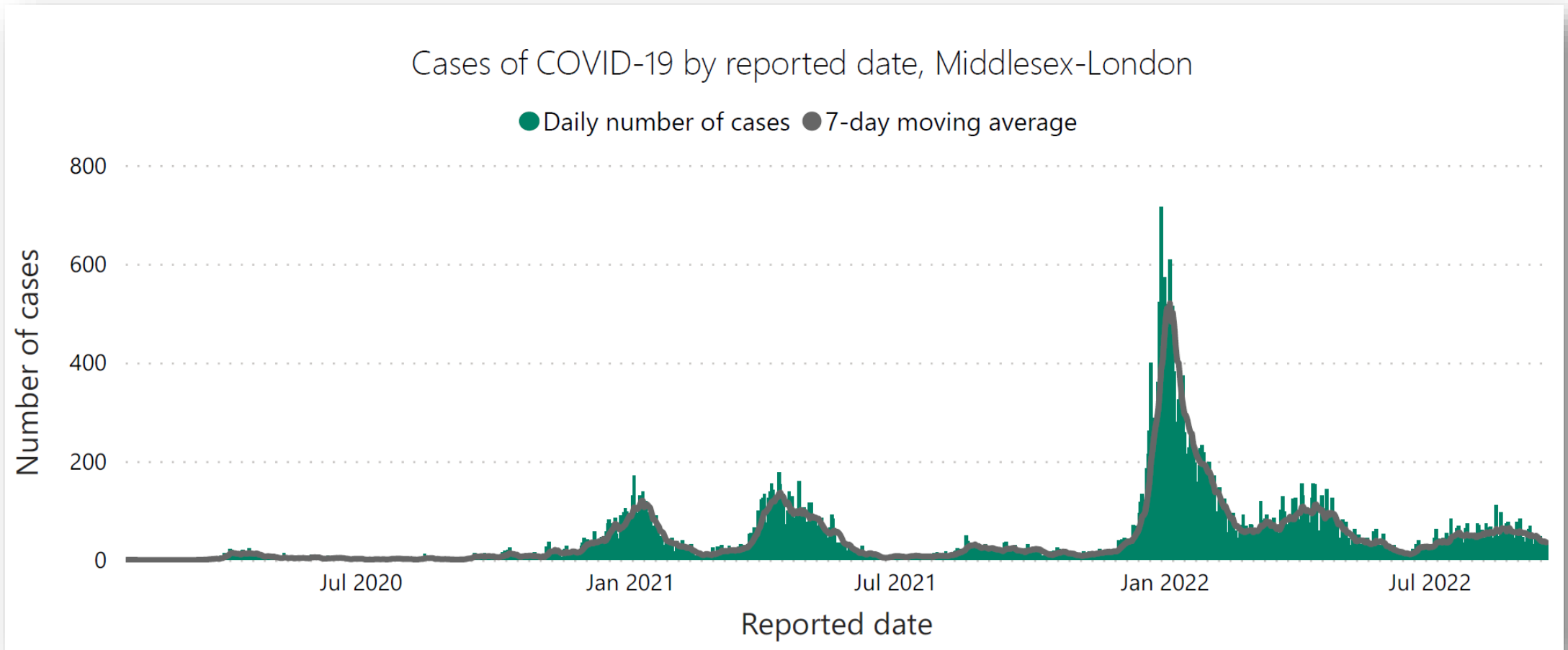
Total number of confirmed cases

Total deaths

Total active cases

Total resolved cases

Cases by Reported Date



Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) *Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM)*, extracted 2022-09-20 Data current as of the end of day 2022-09-19.

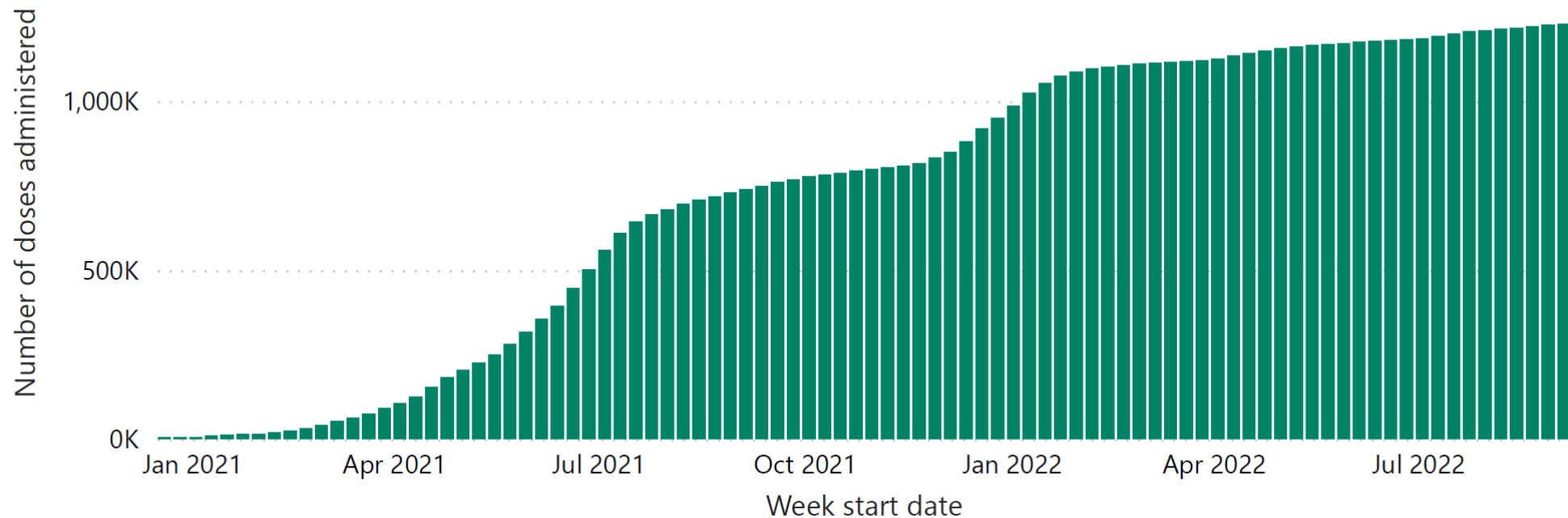
COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Total doses administered in the Middlesex-London region

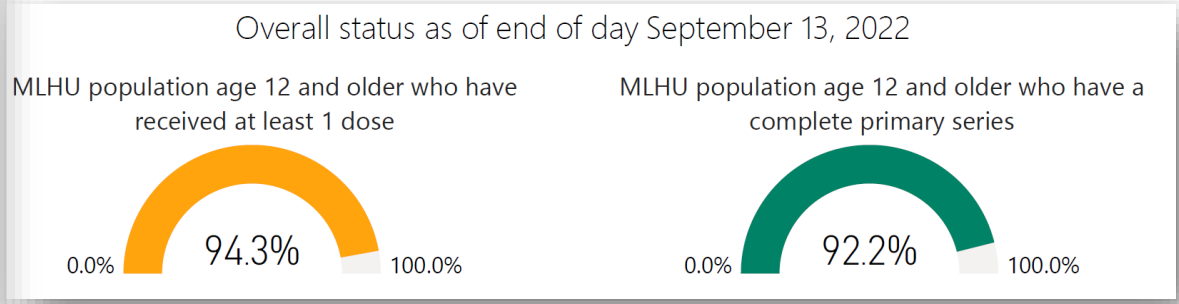
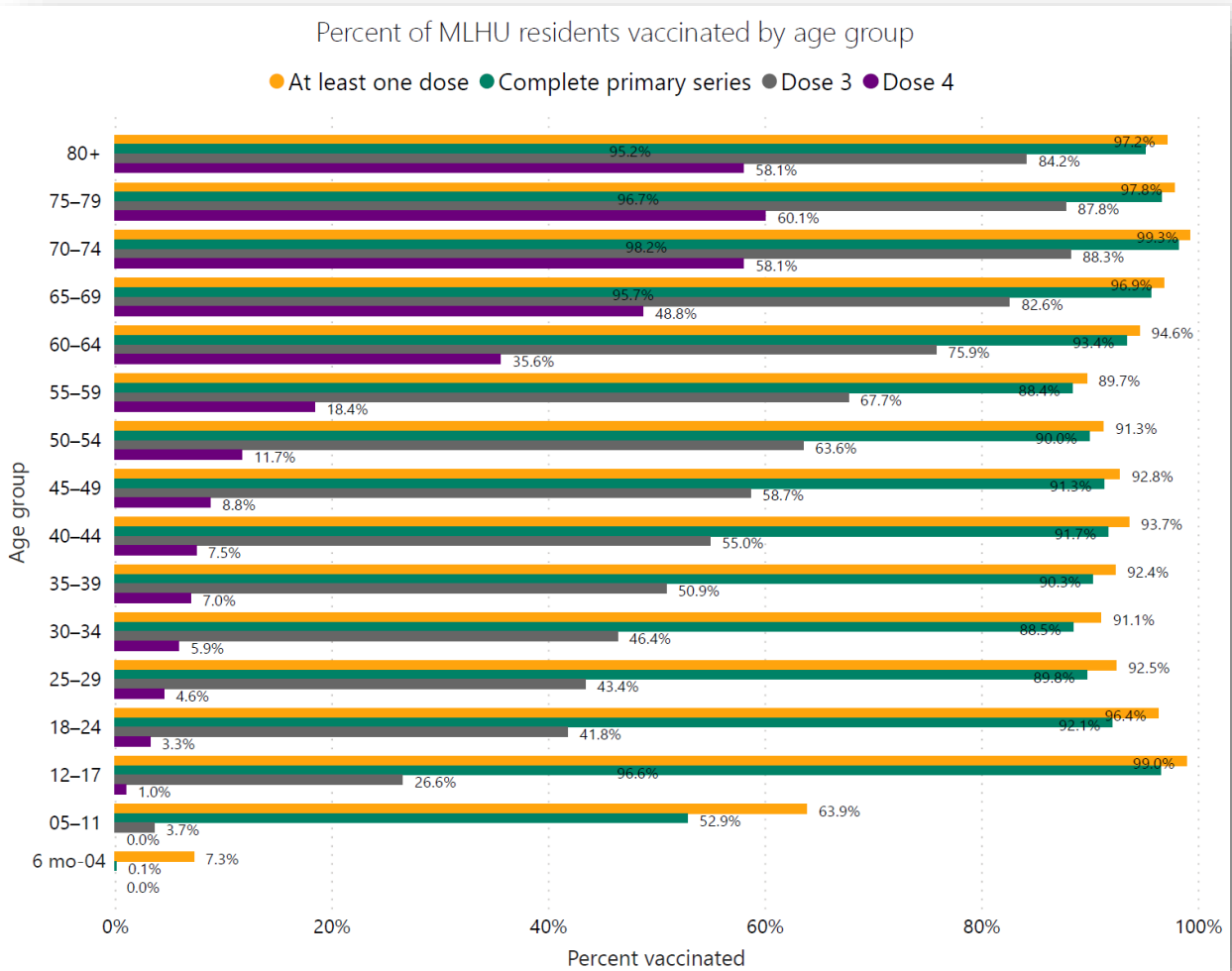
1,229,216

As of end of day September 13, 2022

Cumulative doses administered in the MLHU region by week



COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage by age group



Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health (Ministry) *Public Health Case and Contact Management Solution (CCM)*, extracted 2022-09-20. Data current as of the end of day 2022-09-19.

MLHU welcoming temporary Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health

- Dr. Karalyn Dueck has been hired as the region's temporary Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH), beginning Monday September 12th for an initial period of six months.
- After completing medical school at McMaster University, Dr. Dueck trained as a physician in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, including Family Medicine, at the University of Toronto.
- Prior to receiving her medical degree, Dr. Dueck completed her undergraduate studies at Western University; while completing her Master of Public Health from the University of Waterloo, she also worked as a member of the MLHU staff. ***Welcome, Dr. Dueck!***



2022-23 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP)

- The [2022-23 Influenza Season Product and Eligibility Chart](#) is now available
- The Ministry has released Q&A documents regarding the upcoming influenza season & vaccine products:
 - Healthcare Provider Q&A document
 - Healthcare Provider Q&A: Individuals 65+ years Fact Sheet
 - Healthcare Provider Q&A: Individuals 6 months to 64 years Fact Sheet
- NACI has also released [Canadian Immunization Guide Chapter on Influenza and Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 2022-2023](#)
- All documents available in the UIIP alert sent on Friday, September 16th

2022-2023 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP)

Publicly Funded Vaccines					
2022-2023 UIIP	Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIV)			High-Dose Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (HD-QIV)	Adjuvanted Trivalent Inactivated Vaccine (TIV-Adj)
Vaccine Product	FluLaval Tetra*	Fluzone Quadrivalent*	Afluria Tetra* (Distribution to pharmacies only)	Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent*	Fluad*
Manufacturer	GSK	Sanofi-Pasteur	Seqirus	Sanofi-Pasteur	Seqirus
Age Eligibility	≥6 mo.	≥6 mo.	≥5 years	≥65 years	≥65 years
Vaccine Type	Egg-based	Egg-based	Egg-based	Egg-based	Egg-based
Dosage	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.7 mL	0.5 mL
Route	IM	IM	IM	IM	IM
Format	Multi-dose vial	-Multi-dose vial -Pre-filled syringe	-Multi-dose vial -Pre-filled syringe	Pre-filled syringe	Pre-filled syringe
Amount	15 µg	15 µg	15 µg	60 µg	15 µg
Most Common Allergens**	-Egg protein* -Thimerosal***	-Egg protein* -Thimerosal***	-Egg protein* -Neomycin -Polymyxin B -Thimerosal***	-Egg protein*	-Egg protein* -Kanamycin -Neomycin
Once punctured, discard the vial after:	28 days	MDV: 28 days PFS: Not applicable	MDV: 28 days PFS: not applicable	PFS: not applicable	PFS: not applicable

*The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) indicates that egg allergy is not a contraindication for influenza vaccination and that egg-allergic individuals may be vaccinated against influenza using the full dose of any age-appropriate product.

**Any component in a vaccine may be a potential allergen. This table identifies the most common allergens.

***Multi-dose vial format only

2022-23 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP)

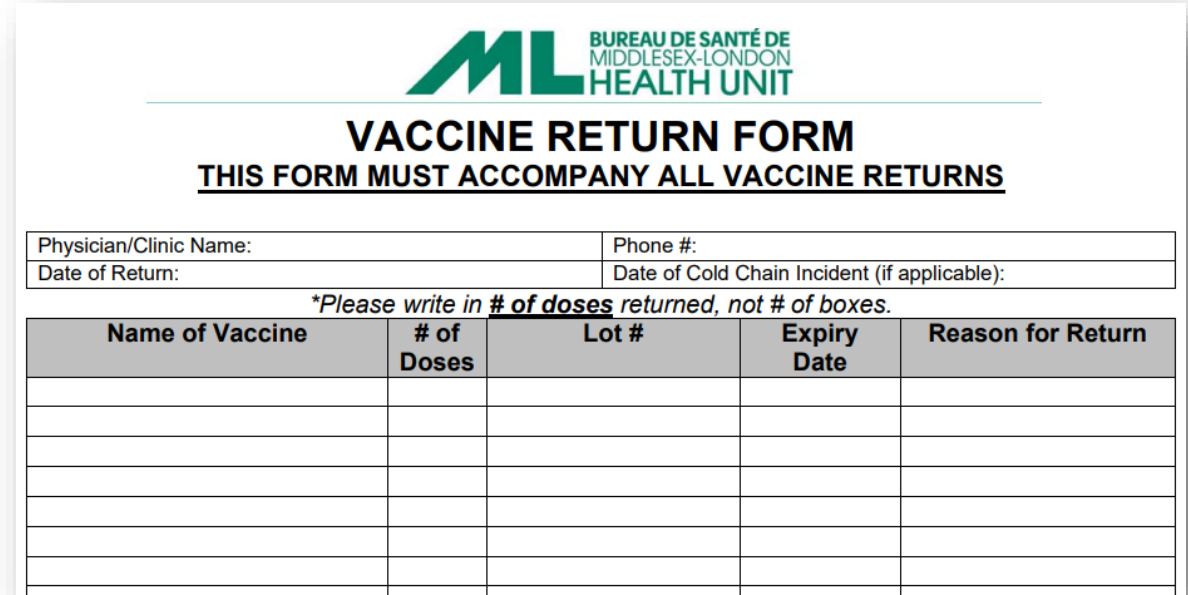
- MLHU will pre-package an allocation of influenza vaccine for your office and will notify you when it is ready for pick-up
- If your office does not plan to offer the seasonal influenza vaccine or would like to reduce the quantity of vaccine in your first auto-shipment, please email vaccineorders@mlhu.on.ca so that we can adjust vaccine allocations appropriately
- It is anticipated the vaccine will be available for LTC/RH, hospitals, and other high-risk congregate settings in late September or early October; we expect healthcare providers will receive vaccine for these higher-risk populations in early October

2022-23 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP)

- Program timelines:
 - **End of September/early October:** Vaccine prioritized for hospital, LTC/RH residents, and staff at these locations.
 - **October:** Individuals at high-risk of complications or hospitalization due to influenza.
 - **November and ongoing:** Anyone over the age of six months who lives, works or studies in Ontario.
- Pharmacist will be able to continue administering influenza vaccine to those 2+ years of age (expected to receive supplies for high-risk populations in early October)
- If you have any additional questions, you can call us at 519-663-5317

Influenza Vaccine Returns

- We are currently accepting influenza vaccine returns from last year. Please ensure that you do not have any expired vaccine in your fridge when you receive this year's allotment.
- Any remaining influenza vaccine can be returned to the Health Unit and must be accompanied by a Vaccine Return Form (must be in its original packaging).
- Please discard diluent and/or opened multidose vials appropriately at your location.



The form is titled "VACCINE RETURN FORM" and includes the ML logo and "BUREAU DE SANTÉ DE MIDDLESEX-LONDON HEALTH UNIT". Below the title, it states "THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ALL VACCINE RETURNS". The form contains several fields for information entry, including Physician/Clinic Name, Phone #, Date of Return, and Date of Cold Chain Incident. It also features a table for recording vaccine returns with columns for Name of Vaccine, # of Doses, Lot #, Expiry Date, and Reason for Return. A note specifies that the number of doses should be recorded, not the number of boxes.

Physician/Clinic Name:		Phone #:		
Date of Return:		Date of Cold Chain Incident (if applicable):		
<i>*Please write in # of doses returned, not # of boxes.</i>				
Name of Vaccine	# of Doses	Lot #	Expiry Date	Reason for Return

Form available in the UIIP alert or online at:
<https://www.healthunit.com/hcp-forms#order-forms>

Extension of COVID-19 Sessional Fee Codes (H409/H410)

- A new agreement has now been reached with the OMA to further extend the fee codes until March 31, 2023.
- As a reminder, the H409/H410 fee codes are eligible for payment for physician services rendered at eligible COVID-19 ACs.
- “Eligible assessment centres” are defined as places designated by the ministry as eligible for the COVID-19 sessional fees.
 - currently include all Hospital and Public Health Unit (PHU) coordinated COVID-19 vaccination delivery sites & other locations.
- Physicians providing services at PHU-coordinated COVID-19 vaccination delivery sites are eligible to be remunerated through the H409/H410 fee codes—as applicable to the service rendered—for each hour of service rendered.
- See the MOH memorandum for more details (linked in newsletter)

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2022

TO: Public Health Units

FROM: Patrick Dicteri
Assistant Deputy Minister and General Manager of OHIP
OHIP, Pharmaceuticals and Devices Division

RE: Extension – COVID-19 Sessional Fee Codes (H409/H410)

In March 2020, the Ministry of Health (‘the ministry’) temporarily listed as insured services under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) COVID-19 sessional fees for physicians rendering services at eligible COVID-19 Assessment Centres (ACs).

Although initially implemented by way of ministerial order, subsequent agreements were reached with the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) to extend the fee codes until September 30, 2022 (please see INFOBulletins [210305](#) and [210704](#) as reference).

A new agreement has now been reached with the OMA to further extend the fee codes until March 31, 2023.

COVID Bivalent Vaccine now available in Middlesex-London

- MLHU is now offering the Moderna *Spikevax* bivalent vaccine as of September 12th
- Current eligibility:
 - Individuals aged 70 and older
 - First Nation, Inuit and Métis individuals or non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and older
 - Residents of LTC/RH, Elder Care Lodge or individuals living in other congregate settings that provide assisted-living & health services
 - Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals aged 12 years and older
 - Pregnant individuals aged 18 years and older
 - Health care workers aged 18 years and older
- Expanded eligibility coming into effect on September 26th for anyone over the age of 18

Bivalent Vaccine Continued

- To receive the bivalent booster, one must have to complete their primary vaccine series
- The MLHU has extended operations at the Caradoc Community Centre Mass Vaccination Clinic
 - Open Monday-Friday from 11am to 6pm
- Recommended interval for a bivalent booster dose is six months after an individual completed their primary vaccine series or received their most recent booster dose
- Individuals who have had COVID-19 or have tested positive on a PCR or rapid-antigen test must wait a minimum of three months before receiving a booster dose of the bivalent vaccine
- Appointments can be booked online (covidvaccinelm.ca) or by calling 226-289-3560

Prevnar 20 Update

- Prevnar 20 was approved in July by Health Canada for adults 18+ for prevention of pneumonia and invasive pneumococcal disease
- NACI has not released a statement yet on its recommended use in Canada, and **it is not publicly funded as of yet**
- Available publicly funded pneumococcal vaccines:
 - Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV13 or Prevnar®13)
 - Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV23 or Pneumovax®23)

Timing and Spacing for Publicly Funded Pneumococcal Vaccines

Routine Schedule

Client Group	Age	Dose(s)	Vaccine Type
Healthy infant series	2, 4 & 12 months	Three-dose series	PCV13
Older adults	65 years & older	One dose	PCV13 & PPSV23

Childhood catch up series

Client Group	Age	Dose(s)	Vaccine Type
Healthy toddlers	12 to 23 months	Two doses, two months apart	PCV13
Health children	2 to 5 years	One dose	PCV13

Reference: Toronto Public Health. (2020). *Pneumococcal Vaccines Information for Health Professionals*. Retrieved from the Toronto Public Health website: <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/information-for-healthcare-professionals/immunization-and-vaccine-info-for-health-professionals/pneumococcal-vaccines-information-for-health-professionals/>

Prevnar® 13 Continued

- **Prevnar®13 is not recommended after six years of age if a child never received it**
 - The biggest risk for invasive pneumococcal disease occurs in healthy children younger than 6 years (NACI does not recommend routine vaccination after this age). Older children benefit more from herd protection from younger children.
- **Prevnar®13 and Pneumovax® in adults:**
- In Ontario:
 - PPSV23 (Pneumovax®23) is free for adults ages 65+*.
 - PCV13 (Prevnar®13) may be purchased on an individual basis for seniors 65+*.
 - PCV13 is **free** for adults at **high risk of pneumococcal disease**.
- ***Schedule**
 - Give PCV13 first, then PCV-23 eight weeks later.
 - If PPSV23 was given first, then wait one year before giving PCV-13.

Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario

The [Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules for Ontario](#) document has been updated.

Key Updates:

- Addition of Tdap dose for pregnant women
- Expanded Hepatitis B eligibility to Grade 12
- Rotarix® two-dose series added and Rotateq® three-dose series removed
- Simplified school vaccine catch-up schedule for Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines
- More detailed information added to *Table 1: Vaccine Administration*

Guidance for Routine and Catch-up Immunization Services

- The [Guidance for Routine and Catch-up Immunization Services](#) (previously known as *Guidance for Routine Immunization Services During COVID-19*) resource has been updated and is now available on the [Ministry of Health website](#).
- Since several publicly-funded vaccines have age or grade-based eligibility, some individuals may have missed their opportunity to receive these recommended vaccines over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ministry of Health

Guidance for Routine & Catch-Up Immunization Services

Version 4 – August 2022

Highlights of changes

- Program extensions to 2023 for the following vaccines for missed doses:
 - Hepatitis B
 - Human papillomavirus (HPV)
 - Shingles
 - High risk program vaccines
- Updated hyperlinks
- Updated information regarding simultaneous administration of routine vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines for children

This document is intended mainly for immunization service providers and should be used with other immunization information to support vaccination for specific individuals. It is not intended to provide or take the place of medical advice, diagnosis or treatment.

Key Updates from Guidance for Routine and Catch-up Immunization Services

- Program extensions to 2023 have been put in place for the following vaccines/missed doses (document includes the affected cohorts and the extended eligibility timelines):
 - School-based:
 - Hepatitis B
 - Human papillomavirus (HPV)
 - Meningococcal Men-C-ACYW135 Nimenrix®
 - Shingles (HZ Shingrix®)
 - High-risk vaccines (HPV-9 Gardasil®, 4CMenB, Bexsero®, Men-C-ACYW135 Menactra®/Nimenrix®)
- Updated information about the simultaneous administration of routine vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines for children
- Recommendations related to the interrupted schedules for vaccines that contain tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, and Hib, as well as the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

Baby-Friendly Initiative 20-Hour Course – Practical Module for Healthcare Professionals

- One-day practical workshop supplements key information from the RNAO E-Learning Breastfeeding Course through interactive, hands-on activities and discussion. The workshop supports best practices in the care of prenatal and postpartum women and families around infant feeding.
- Completion of the RNAO Breastfeeding E-Learning Course is required prior to the workshop. Attendees will receive details upon registration.
- **Available Dates:** Wednesday October 26th, Thursday November 17th,
Wednesday November 30th, 2022
 - **Where:** BMO Centre, 295 Rectory St. London, Room D (second floor, follow signs)
 - **Cost:** \$30 (lunch will be provided)
 - **When:** 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- Link to register is available through the eNewsletter

Questions?

- Ask using chat function now, or after the webinar at:
healthcareproviders@mlhu.on.ca
- For urgent matters please call the Health Unit's
main line at **519-663-5317**
- For more information
www.healthunit.com/healthcare-providers

