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Health Canada Approval of GlaxoSmithKline Fluviral™ vaccine use in Ontario

Peel Public Health has been advised by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) that the first lot of Fluviral™ vaccine from GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceutical Company **has been approved for release to Ontario** by Biologics and Genetics Therapies Directorate of Health Canada (BGTD).

Reminder to administer flu vaccine first for high risk groups

- This is still not the full complement of vaccine ordered by the MOHLTC.
- The delay of influenza vaccine availability for the general public is still in effect.
- Please ensure that the influenza vaccine currently being supplied to your offices by Peel Public Health, is administered to those groups considered at high risk for influenza-related health complications or high priority groups that come in contact with high-risk groups.

Fluviral™ and Vaxigrip® Stability Information

- Fluviral™ vaccine must be used within **28 days** after being opened.
- Vaxigrip® vaccine must be used within **7 days** after being opened.
- **Please report all cold chain failures immediately to Peel Public Health at (905)799-7700.**

Clinic Schedule Update

Peel Public Health will host free influenza vaccination clinics at various sites throughout Peel Region. The clinic schedule is now posted at www.peelregion.ca/flu. Promotional influenza packages which include influenza clinic information will be provided to physicians' offices.

If you have any questions on your vaccine order, please contact the vaccine order desk at **(905)791-7800 ext. 6404**.

For more information on Peel Public Health's 2006 – 2007 Influenza Immunization Campaign, call Peel Public Health at **(905)799-7700** or visit www.peelregion.ca/flu.