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Key Messages:

- Ontario's RSV vaccination program has expanded to include more high-risk adult populations.
- The 2024 paid delivery schedule is now available for January to June 2024.
- As of January 2, 2024, COVID-19 and influenza vaccines will no longer be offered through Peel Public Health clinics or Homebound Program.
- Reminder: Peel Public Health services holiday schedule.

UPDATE: RSV Vaccine Program Expansion

Ontario's RSV vaccination program for high-risk adults has expanded to individuals 60 years and older in the following populations:

- 1) Hospital ALC patients
- 2) Dialysis patients
- 3) Transplant recipients
- 4) Homeless individuals
- 5) Indigenous individuals, including urban Indigenous.

Previously, the publicly funded RSV vaccination program was limited to individuals 60 years of age and older living in long-term care homes, Elder Care Lodges and eligible retirement homes (homes licensed to provide dementia care).

Ontario Health is currently coordinating administration to hospital-based patients (groups 1-3). Primary care providers and Community Health Centres (CHCs) working with homeless or Indigenous populations may order the vaccine. Note: Peel Public Health staff will follow-up with providers to confirm patients meet eligibility.

RSV vaccine orders can be placed here:

https://www.peelregion.ca/health/professionals/V-07-699.htm

For more information about the publicly funded RSV vaccination program, please visit:

https://www.ontario.ca/page/respiratory-syncytial-virus

<u>January to June 2024 Paid Vaccine and STI Medication</u> **Delivery Schedule**

The 2024 paid delivery schedule is now available for January 2024 to June 2024. Your staff needs to be on-site between **9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** on your scheduled delivery date to receive your vaccine and/or STI medication order(s).

NOTE:

 Orders need to be submitted 5 business days before the scheduled delivery date. Orders submitted after this date will be available for pickup instead.

BRAMPTON	
JANUARY	Thursday, January 11 Tuesday, January 23
FEBRUARY	Thursday, February 8 Tuesday, February 20
MARCH	Thursday, March 14 Tuesday, March 26
APRIL	Thursday, April 11 Tuesday, April 23
MAY	Thursday, May 9 Tuesday, May 21
JUNE	Thursday, June 13 Tuesday, June 25



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MISSISSAUGA	
JANUARY	Thursday, January 4
	Tuesday, January 16
FEBRUARY	Thursday, February 1
	Tuesday, February 13
MARCH	Thursday, March 7
	Tuesday, March 19
APRIL	Thursday, April 4
	Tuesday, April 16
MAY	Thursday, May 2
	Tuesday, May 14
JUNE	Thursday, June 6
	Tuesday, June 18

Vaccine orders can be received in two ways:

- Pick-up through one of our locations:
 Brampton 10 Peel Centre Dr, Suite A 101
 Mississauga (Fairview) 325 Central Parkway
 West, Unit 21
 - Mississauga 7120 Hurontario Street
- Paid vaccine and STI medication delivery

Want to enroll in the paid vaccine and STI medication delivery program?

- Fax a completed registration form to (905) 565-9874
- Registration forms are available at: https://peelregion.ca/health/professionals/pdfs/CP
 -Account-Activation-Form.pdf

For questions about vaccine ordering, pick-up or delivery, please contact the Vaccine Management Team at VMPIOrderRequests@peelregion.ca.

<u>UPDATE: COVID-19 & Influenza: Peel Public Health</u> <u>Clinics & Homebound Program</u>

As of January 2, 2024, COVID-19 and influenza vaccines will no longer be offered through Peel Public Health (PPH) vaccine clinics in order to focus on delivering routine and catch-up school immunizations. Health care providers are encouraged to continue promoting COVID-19 and influenza vaccines to their patients who have not yet received a vaccine this respiratory season to protect them against severe

illness. Peel residents can find a location to receive vaccines here:

COVID-19 vaccine:

https://www.peelregion.ca/health/vaccinations/covid-19/

Influenza vaccine:

https://www.peelregion.ca/health/diseases/flu/

Peel Public Health is ending its Homebound vaccination program effective December 22, 2023, after three years of operations. We are working with local health system partners in Peel to ensure ongoing access to COVID-19 and influenza vaccines for residents requiring in-home vaccinations for future respiratory illness seasons. More information will be shared with health care providers as they become available.

Peel Public Health Clinic and Services Holiday Schedule from December 22, 2023 to January 2, 2023 can be found at:

https://peelregion.ca/health/professionals/tools/upda tes2023/2023-12-12-Holiday-Schedule-Vol16-No36.pdf

Urgent Care & After-Hours Services Available in Peel

As respiratory virus activity is expected to increase over the holidays, the following resources are available to support you and your patients. They are also available to individuals without an Ontario health card.

- Regional Virtual Urgent Care Program: https://regional-virtual-urgent-care.ca/.
- Rapid Access Pediatric Care Clinic:
 https://www.summervillefht.com/displayPage.php
 ?page=Pediatric.
- Health Connect Ontario (formerly Telehealth):
 Chat online with a nurse, 24/7 in multiple
 languages

https://health811.ontario.ca/static/guest/home