

Update to Executive Officer Notice: Administration of the Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies

November 17, 2021

**For the 2021/22 influenza immunization season
(September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022)**

This is an update to the Executive Officer (EO) Notice: Administration of the Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies and accompanying Questions and Answers (Qs & As) dated September 1, 2021 that were published on the ministry website on October 8, 2021. The update described below will be reflected in new consolidated versions of the EO Notice and Qs & As available on the [ministry's website](#) at a later date. Please refer to the website for the most recent version of these documents.

The EO Notice: Administration of the Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccines in Ontario Pharmacies and the accompanying Qs & As set out the terms and conditions for a participating pharmacy's submission of claims for payment (claims) for administering publicly funded influenza vaccines to eligible Ontarians. Each document is a ministry policy that pharmacy operators must comply with under section 3.2 of the Health Network System (HNS) Subscription Agreement for Pharmacy Operators.

Update: Effective November 17, 2021, injection trained pharmacy technicians registered with the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP) may administer the influenza vaccine by injection to individuals two years of age or over under the supervision of a pharmacist, in accordance with Ontario's Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP).

To enable this change, amendments were made to Ontario Regulation 202/94 under the *Pharmacy Act, 1991*. Pharmacy technicians should refer to this regulation for more information about this scope of practice change, including its conditions.

As with pharmacy students and interns, pharmacy technicians (referred to in the Executive Officer Notice and Qs & As as "trained pharmacy staff") registered with the OCP who have valid injection training may administer the influenza vaccine; however, the respective injection-trained supervising pharmacist must submit the claim for payment through the ministry's Health Network System. The claim submissions process and documentation requirements remain the same.

Please contact the OCP for questions relating to scope of practice and the Ontario Pharmacists Association for information on continuing education courses to support pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy students and interns in administering the influenza vaccine.

Additional Information:

For pharmacies:

Please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282.