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TO: Halton Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Departments, other Healthcare Providers

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RE: Returning Non-Reusable Influenza Vaccines

QUICK FACTS

- Health care professionals can now return non-reusable influenza vaccines to Halton Region Public Health.
- Return the vaccine with the Critical Path courier who delivers your vaccines.
- If you do not use Critical Path to receive your vaccine deliveries, you can return non-reusable influenza vaccines to 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

KEY MESSAGES RE. NON-REUSABLE INFLUENZA VACCINE RETURNS

- Non-reusable influenza vaccines include vaccines that are expired or nearing expiry, deemed no longer viable by Public Health and/or unable to be used due to reduced uptake.
- Returned vaccines must be whole, unpunctured vials. Partial vials must be disposed in your premises' biomedical waste container.
- Health care professionals are encouraged to maintain a minimal stock of influenza vaccine in cold chain to accommodate individuals who are seeking influenza immunization between April and August.
- Wasted vaccines must be bagged. The bag must be labelled "WASTE" and include your premises' holding point code.
- The [Non-Reusable Vaccine Return Record](#) must be completed with all returns. Partial vials must be recorded as wastage on this record, but they must be disposed of in your premises' biomedical waste container.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [2022/2023 Universal Influenza Immunization Program \(UIIP\)](#)

Please report all suspected/confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (only report COVID-19 cases occurring in high-risk settings) to Public Health immediately by calling 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

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