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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Licensed Long-Term Care Home and Retirement Home Operators

**FROM:** Dr. Daniel Warshafsky, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health

**RE:** 2025/2026 Influenza and COVID-19 vaccine administration partnership with pharmacies in Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes

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I would like to start off by thanking you and your staff for your ongoing efforts in delivering the province's Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) as well as the COVID-19 vaccine program. Vaccination for influenza and COVID-19 this coming respiratory virus season continues to be important to protect individual health, communities and reduce impacts on the health care system.

Information regarding flu and COVID-19 vaccine administration in long-term care homes (LTCH) and retirement homes (RH), including partnerships with community pharmacies, and the importance of vaccination during the respiratory season can be found in the attached fact sheet.

Details on the RSV vaccination this fall will be shared separately.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding partnership with community pharmacies for the administration of flu and/or COVID-19 vaccine, please contact [UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca](mailto:UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a small upward curve.

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Attachments:

1. 2025/2026 Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccine Administration in Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes

C: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health  
Peter Kaftarian, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care and Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility  
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