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RE: 2026/2027 Publicly funded vaccine administration in Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes - Partnerships with Pharmacies

Dear long-term care home and retirement home operators,

I would like to start off by thanking you and your staff for your ongoing efforts in delivering the province's publicly funded immunization programs, including the Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) as well as the COVID-19 vaccine program. Vaccines continue to be important to protect individual health, communities and reduce impacts on the health care system.

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

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding partnership with community pharmacies for the administration of publicly funded vaccines, please contact immunization@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

2026/2027 Publicly Funded Vaccine Administration in Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes

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