

### IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

**To:** Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Midwives  
Hospital Infection Control Departments and Emergency Departments

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#### **Important vaccine updates are included in this alert.**

We are pleased to share that an updated version of the **Ontario Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules** is now posted at:

English: [Immunization – Ontario’s Publicly Funded Immunization Schedules](#); and  
French: [Immunsisation – Calendriers de la vaccination financés par le secteur public](#).

#### Highlights include:

##### Format Changes:

##### *Two versions*

- Printable booklet on 8.5x11 paper (16 pages)
- Larger-print, assembled schedules that can be posted and/or kept with the full schedules for easy reference in immunization areas (printed on 8.5x11 paper and assembled)

##### *Updates:*

- Vaccine updates including: HPV-9, Rotavirus-5, Herpes Zoster (Shingrix). Removed references to Td-IPV, DTaP-IPV, and DTaP-IPV-Hib (where applicable)
- Updated wording to provide clarity and updated catch-up tables to accommodate ‘aging-out’ of applicable cohorts

#### **COVID-19 Vaccines**

In Ontario, health professionals are required to report Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) to their local public health unit. Public health units investigate AEFIs and provide support to immunizers, individuals, and their families.

- THU is sharing Public Health Ontario’s Adverse Event Following Immunization [fact sheet](#) / [French version](#).
- If you are reporting an AEFI, please use this [form](#) and submit it to THU’s confidential fax at 705-647-5779. Reporting an AEFI is important for vaccine safety.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Timiskaming Health Unit:

#### **Monday to Friday**

**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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