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RE: Ontario's High-Risk Older Adult RSV Vaccine Program 2024-2025

Dear Retirement Home Operators and Licensees,

Thank you for your continued support for the province's immunization programs, including seasonal vaccination efforts. Your continued efforts for the vaccine programs are very important as we move into the Fall with the co-circulation of respiratory viruses, including RSV, influenza and COVID-19.

This letter and the other documents provided to you by your local public health unit outline details regarding Ontario's RSV prevention program for high-risk older adults, as well as information on vaccine supply and distribution.

Vaccinating eligible high-risk groups will be very important this Fall to help protect the health of individuals, families, and communities and mitigate impacts on our healthcare system.

This year, there are two vaccine products (Arexvy and Abrysvo) available in Canada to provide protection against RSV. Ontario's publicly funded RSV prevention program continues to be targeted for high-risk individuals and settings and this year, we have expanded the eligibility to include all retirement home residents.

Provincial Vaccine Supply and Distribution Process

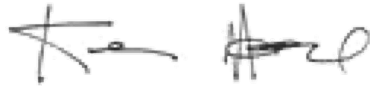
Public health units are responsible for managing and overseeing local immunization programs, including the distribution and administration of vaccines in the region. Vaccine providers should order vaccine from their usual vaccine source (e.g., public health unit or the Ontario Government Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Service).

Local public health unit processes may vary and should be contacted if you have any questions about vaccine distribution and ordering.

For more information about the RSV vaccine program, please visit the following page on the Ministry of Health's [website](#).

Thank you again for your continued efforts and support.

Sincerely,

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