

UPDATES TO ONTARIO'S PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE PROGRAM

INFORMATION FOR YORK REGION HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AS OF JULY 17, 2024

On July 29, 2024, Ontario's publicly funded pneumococcal vaccine program is transitioning to use two **new vaccines** to provide individuals with better and longer protection against invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD).

1. **Vaxneuvance**[®], a pneumococcal 15-valent conjugate vaccine (Pneu-C-15)
2. **Prevnar 20**[™], a pneumococcal 20-valent conjugate vaccine (Pneu-C-20)

The new vaccines are now available to be ordered from York Region Public Health (YRPH) using the attached [Publicly Funded Vaccines Order Form](#). Reminder to maintain a maximum of one-month supply of vaccines at your facility.

Upon receiving the new vaccines, **return all remaining stock of Prevnar[®]13 and Pneumovax[®]23** to a YRPH vaccine drop-off location using the attached [Non-Reusable Vaccines Wastage Form](#).

PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for both routine and high-risk programs has not changed with this vaccine product transition. **This transition will focus on those who have not started or not received all eligible publicly funded pneumococcal vaccines.** There is currently no catch-up program for those who have received all eligible pneumococcal immunizations. If there are any changes in eligibility and/or revaccination (catch-up) programs announced by the Ministry of Health, communications will be sent at a later date.

Vaccine Program	Eligible Age Group	Previous Vaccine	New Vaccine
Routine	6 weeks to 4 years	Prevnar [®] 13 (Pneu-C-13)	Vaxneuvance [®] (Pneu-C-15)
Routine	65 years and older	Pneumovax [®] 23 (Pneu-P-23)	Prevnar 20 [™] (Pneu-C-20)
High Risk	6 weeks and older	Pneumovax [®] 23 (Pneu-P-23) and Prevnar [®] 13 (Pneu-C-13)	Prevnar 20 [™] (Pneu-C-20)

(Adapted from [Qs & As for Health Care Providers: Pneumococcal Vaccine Transition](#))

MINISTRY OF HEALTH RESOURCES

- [Chief Medical Officer of Health's Memo to Health Care Providers on Pneumococcal Vaccine Transition](#)
- [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines for Children Aged 6 Weeks to 4 Years](#)
- [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines for Individuals Aged 65 Years and Older](#)
- [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines for Individuals Aged 5 to 64 Years at High Risk for Invasive Pneumococcal Disease](#)
- [Qs & As for Health Care Providers: Pneumococcal Vaccine Transition](#)
- [Vaccine Fact Sheet: Pneumococcal Vaccine Program for Individuals Ages 6 Weeks and Older](#)

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For more information on pneumococcal vaccine ordering and returns, contact our Vaccine Inventory Program at vaccineinventory@york.ca, call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033, or visit us at york.ca/vaccineinventory.