

# Pembroke Regional Hospital

## MEMO

**To: All Staff and Physicians**  
**From: PRH Vaccination Committee**  
**Date: Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Subject: PRH Fall Vaccination Program for Patients**

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Starting the week of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, influenza, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines will be available to our inpatients at PRH.

The Influenza vaccine is available to patients Monday- Sunday during regular pharmacy hours. Patients who wish to receive the influenza vaccine must have a physician order completed. Staff are to reference the document titled "Standard Work Process for Influenza Vaccinations for Inpatients" for more information.

Due to data entry requirements and eligibility criteria, the COVID-19 and RSV vaccinations will be available to patients during scheduled clinic days only. A designated vaccinator will be available to support this program.

### **Older High Risk Adult RSV Vaccine Program:**

For the 2024-2025 fall respiratory season, RSV vaccine eligibility has been expanded to now include all residents residing in retirement homes, along with the following eligible individuals:

- residents of long-term care homes, Elder Care Lodges,
- patients in hospital receiving alternate level of care (ALC) including similar settings (for example, complex continuing care, hospital transitional programs)
- patients receiving hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- recipients of solid organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplants
- those experiencing homelessness
- those who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis

If an individual received a dose of RSV vaccine during the 2023-2024 season, they do not need to receive another dose this year.

### **Ordering:**

Patients who wish to receive vaccine(s) must have a physician order completed. Orders for COVID-19 and RSV vaccine should be written no more than 24 hours prior to the patient clinic date and must be sent to the Pharmacy Department.

Once an order is written, nursing staff are asked to provide the patient with the appropriate consent form and have it completed. Consent forms will be available on each clinical unit and

can also be found electronically on the PRH Intranet under the “Flu Shot” icon. Completed consent forms are to be kept at the front of the patient’s chart.

**Patient Vaccination Clinic Dates for RSV and COVID-19- beginning at 0930:**

- Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Additional patient clinic days will be added based on uptake.

For more information, please refer to the Canadian Immunization Guide:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/canadian-immunization-guide.html>