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Information about High-Dose Flu Vaccine Supply:

Please review the following key messages released from the Ministry of Health yesterday related to High-Dose Flu Vaccine Supply:

- Ontario has received 100% of its order for high-dose vaccine for seniors.
- **All** of the doses have been distributed by the Ontario Government Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply Service (OGPMSS) to local Health Units.
- **Southwestern Public Health currently has ZERO doses of High-Dose Flu Vaccine**
- No future shipments of High-Dose Flu vaccine are expected to be received at this time.
- There is no preferential recommendation for high-dose over QIV according to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization.
- Both vaccines are safe and effective.
- **It is important for seniors to get a flu shot.**
- Any of the available influenza vaccines would be preferable to remaining unvaccinated.
- Early uptake of the flu shot and continued COVID-19 public health measures including masks, hand hygiene and physical distancing will help to keep cases of flu low this year.
- The province is also reaching out to the federal government and the private sector to identify additional opportunities to procure quadrivalent flu vaccine.

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