

IMMUNIZATION

Cold Chain & Regulations



There are 5 points for Ontario pharmacists to remember when giving flu shots through the Universal Influenza Immunization Program:



Pharmacists can only give flu shots within a UIIP-approved pharmacy

The pharmacy must meet the requirements stated in MOHLTC vaccine storage and handling guidelines.

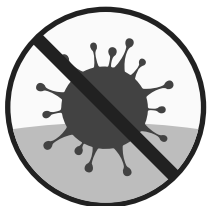


Vaccines must be stored between 2-8°C, in complete darkness, and never frozen

Food, beverages or medical/laboratory specimens should not be stored in a vaccine storage unit. This practice results in frequent door openings and destabilization of the temperature.

Documentation of written consent is required

Written consent is a documentation requirement. The vaccine recipient or a guardian may give the consent.



Pharmacists must follow proper infection control procedures

Wash hands or use an alcohol sanitizer before preparing the vaccine, between vaccine recipients, and if hands are soiled.

Pharmacists must maintain patient records that include all necessary information - this includes:

1. The name and address of the patient
2. The name and address of the pharmacist
3. The date the injection was performed
4. The name, strength, and quantity of the administered substance
5. The circumstances related to the substance administration and any adverse reaction
6. Confirmation of informed consent

