

End of Season Influenza Vaccine Disposal after March 31, 2018

Pharmacies are responsible for appropriate disposal of any publicly-funded influenza vaccine products remaining in their inventory as of March 31, 2018. These products will not be accepted for return by the wholesalers.

Pharmacies are responsible for disposing of any leftover influenza vaccine locally according to the *Saskatchewan Biomedical Waste Management Guidelines 2008* at <http://www.environment.gov.sk.ca/adx/asp/adxGetMedia.aspx?DocID=217,216,104,81,1,Documents&MediaID=1099&Filename=Biomedical+Waste+Management.pdf>.

Any remaining products, including both open and closed vials, must be reported as wastage. This wastage must be recorded on the *Product Wastage Report* form and submitted to the Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory by fax at 306-798-0071. Exact dose counts are required and the forms must be submitted by April 6, 2018.

The *Product Wastage Report* form is available in:

- the Saskatchewan Immunization Manual, chapter 9 section 5.3 *Product Wastage Report Form* (<http://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/manuals/Documents/sim-chapter9.pdf>); or
- *Appendix 7 - Product Wastage Report Form* on the “Influenza Immunization Program” tab on the online Formulary at <http://formulary.drugplan.ehealthsask.ca/PDFs/APPENDIX7-ProductWastageReportForm.pdf>.

Who to Call

If you have any questions, call the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) at 306-787-3317 (Regina) or 1-800-667-7581 (toll-free).

Information on the Influenza Immunization Program is available on:

- the “Influenza Immunization Program” tab on the online Formulary at <http://formulary.drugplan.ehealthsask.ca/InfluenzaProgram.aspx>; or
- the secure DPEBB WEB page <https://www.drugplan.health.gov.sk.ca/default.aspx>.