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## Primary care provider resources for fall/winter respiratory illness season

- GBPH memo outlining fall plans for administering/distributing COVID-19 and flu vaccines this fall. Sept. 29, 2023.
- Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance from Ministry of Health. Sept. 22, 2023.
- The XBB.1.5-containing COVID-19 vaccine and seasonal influenza vaccine can be co-administered.
- COVID-19 vaccines should not be co-administered with the Arexvy vaccine for RSV.
   Patients should wait at least two weeks before or after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine to receive the RSV vaccine.
- GBPH has created a map of local pharmacies providing COVID-19/flu vaccines.
- The Ministry of Health has developed a <u>chart</u> for use of the Moderna XBB.1.5. mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
- GBPH has launched a follow-up survey to determine which Primary Care Providers are providing COVID-19 and/or flu vaccines to non-rostered patients. We appreciate your help with this survey. <u>Survey link</u>.
- Primary Care Providers requiring assistance with reactiviating their COVAX account can email Jordan de Jong at GBPH at <a href="mailto:J.deJong@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca">J.deJong@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca</a>.

## GBPH presents Locally Driven Collaborative Project on preventing substance use among Ontario youth

- The <u>LDCP report</u> presents recommendations for improving efforts to prevent and delay substance use among youth.
- They include implementing upstream interventions to address risk/protective factors, increasing youth engagement when designing prevention strategies, and exploring further opportunities to align public health efforts with community-based initiatives.
- An <u>infographic</u> to accompany the final report has been created.
- GBPH Physician Consultant Dr. Rim Zayed, the project's Lead Investigator, GBPH
  Program Manager Lami Sadare and Unity Health Toronto staff presented the LDCP
  project during a Public Health Ontario Rounds webinar. Webinar Presentation.

## **Resources for Primary Care Professionals: Latest Posts**

- Sept. 14, 2023 Ministry of Health Media Release: <u>Connecting Ontarians to The Tools They Need to Stay Healthy This Respiratory Illness Season</u>
- Sept. 14, 2023 Ministry of Health letter: Ontario's Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) - 2023/2024
- Income, Education, and Labour in Grey-Bruce. Summarizes key information about income, education, and labour in Grey-Bruce, particularly as it relates to the health and well-being of Grey-Bruce residents.
- <u>Grey-Bruce Population Overview.</u> Summarizes key information about the local population, particularly relating to the health and well-being of residents.
- PHAC has created <u>printable resources to aid health professionals in diagnosing and managing anaphylaxis</u> following immunization in a community setting.

## Recent Grey Bruce Public Health Media Releases

- Oct. 4, 2023 GBPH announces first flu case of the season
- Oct. 4, 2023 GBPH reporting series of drug overdoses in recent days
- Oct. 3, 2023 GBPH launching new service to ensure equitable access to well water testing program
- Oct. 3, 2023 Mosquitoes in Grey-Bruce test positive for West Nile Virus
- Sept. 29, 2023 GBPH honouring National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Sept. 25, 2023 <u>Grey Bruce Public Health leads collaborative project on preventing substance use among youth</u>
- Sept. 5, 2023 GBPH issues alerts following multiple drug overdoses in Grey-Bruce
- Sept. 5, 2023 Grey-Bruce residents advised to take precautions during Extreme Heat