



## HOMES AND SENIORS SERVICES

### **POLICY & PROCEDURE NUMBER: 2.4**

**DEPARTMENT:** *Infection Control*

**SUBJECT:** *Immunization –Residents Influenza, Pneumovax, Antiviral*

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### **PURPOSE:**

Elgin County Homes will provide influenza vaccination to eligible residents, as per the National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommendations, public health and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care direction.

The Professional Advisory Committee (PAC), including Pharmacist, Public Health, Medical Director and Manager of Resident Care, will develop and keep up-to-date-vaccination protocols within the Homes.

### **PROCEDURE:**

#### INFLUENZA VACCINATION:

1. All eligible residents will be offered influenza vaccine, except as contraindicated or otherwise ordered by the attending physician. The attending physician may delegate the authority to registered staff through the annual signed “Medical Directive for Administration of the Influenza Vaccine for County of Elgin Homes Residents” (IC – Form 2.4a). Registered staff may administer the influenza vaccine to eligible residents according to manufacturer’s instructions after performing a health assessment, reviewing contraindications and receiving informed consent (IC – Form 2.4b).
2. An influenza vaccine “Flu fact sheet” will be provided to the resident and informed consent will be obtained annually for influenza vaccination. When the resident is not competent to sign an informed consent, the substitute decision maker will be contacted to provide informed consent.
3. A physician’s order for “influenza vaccine (or designated name)” will be obtained prior to administration.
4. Adrenaline 1 ml. (1:1000) I.U.) ampoule will be available on the injection tray, to be used in case of adverse reaction. Registered staff to check Medical Directives for adrenaline dosage.
5. Vaccine name, Lot #, expiry date, dose, route, site and date/time of the influenza vaccination will be recorded in the resident’s eMAR



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#### PNEUMOVAX:

1. A pneumovax vaccine will be offered as per medical directive to all eligible residents who have not received a pneumovax vaccine unless contraindicated.
2. A pneumovax vaccine fact sheet will be provided to the resident and informed consent for pneumovax will be obtained. When the resident is not competent to sign and provide informed consent, the substitute decision maker will be contacted to provide informed consent (IC – Form 2.4b).
3. A physician's order for "Pneumovax Vaccine 0.5ml. I.M. or S.C." will be obtained
4. Adrenaline 1 ml. (1:1000) ampoule will be available as per medical directive to be used in case of adverse reaction. Registered staff to check Medical Directives for adrenaline dosage.

#### ANTIVIRAL:

1. Antiviral therapy may be recommended by the Medical Officer of Health to be given to the residents of long term care homes during a confirmed influenza outbreak.
2. Annually, prior to flu season, the resident/substitute decision maker will be asked to provide informed consent for antiviral medication.
3. The Home will provide pharmacy with any information required (age, weight, lab results) to assess individual resident dosing for antiviral medication.
4. The pharmacist will provide individual resident dosing for antiviral medications.
5. See "Elgin County Homes and Seniors Services Consent Form – Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccine and Antiviral Therapy (1C – Form 2.4b).