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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Medical Officers of Health/Chief Executive Officers,
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FROM: Dr. Kieran Moore

**Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister
Office of Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health**

**RE: 2024 COVID-19 and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccination
Programs**

Thank you for your continued work and leadership to support immunization and build healthier communities across the province.

In response to questions from many of you, I am writing to share some important information regarding the 2024 COVID-19 and RSV prevention programs.

Consistent with past COVID-19 vaccine campaigns, Public Health Units (PHUs), as the local leads for vaccination programs, should continue to work with partners to deliver the vaccine with emphasis on those who are most at risk of severe outcomes and those with limited access through delivery channels (e.g., primary care, children less than 5 years of age). The ministry will work with PHUs through established tables on the planning and roll-out of the Fall 2024 campaign.

As part of local programming and similar to Fall 2023, publicly funded RSV vaccination efforts will continue this season for older adults (60 years of age and older) in long-term care, retirement homes and other congregate care settings. Additional details will be provided on RSV programming to support future planning, including information on infant and pregnancy prevention programming.

To support the work associated with administering the COVID-19 Vaccine Program and RSV Prevention Program for 2024-25, one-time funding will be considered for public health units for the period of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. Details on the methodology for allocating this funding will be shared soon.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and your work to protect, and strengthen the health of your communities, especially throughout the respiratory illness season. For any questions, please contact vacpro@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



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