

Launch of New Vaccine Storage and Handling e-Learning Module

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York Region Public Health is pleased to announce the launch of a new interactive [Vaccine Storage and Handling e-Learning Module](#) in time for the respiratory virus season. Vaccines save lives, prevent serious illnesses, and are recognized as one of the most effective public health interventions available; therefore, maximizing benefits of vaccines depends on effective cold chain and inventory management. Vaccine safety is patient safety.

Vaccine Storage and Handling e-Learning Module

- You play a significant role in promoting patient safety by ensuring vaccines are transported and stored in a way that will protect the vaccine's effectiveness until it is administered to a patient.
- You also play an important role in reducing costs associated with vaccine wastage by understanding and implementing appropriate vaccine storage and handling practices.
- To ensure you have the appropriate tools and resources to prepare for the respiratory virus season, York Region Public Health (YRPH) developed a **new interactive e-learning module** with up-to-date information on standards and guidelines for healthcare professionals and staff.
- The module will introduce key information outlined by the Ministry of Health's [Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#) to ensure publicly funded vaccines are correctly transported, stored and handled and will replace the 2018 York Region Vaccine Storage and Handling Training videos.
- You and your staff are encouraged to complete this course on an annual basis to maintain your vaccine storage and handling knowledge and skills, especially as the respiratory virus season approaches.
- The module is free of charge and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.
- A certificate will be generated upon successful completion of the module and is effective until your next annual cold chain maintenance inspection.
- Your continued collaboration with YRPH enables York Region residents to receive safe and effective vaccines and reduces the burden of vaccine preventable diseases.

How to Access the Module – It's Easy!

1. Visit york.ca/vaccineinventory and click on the button:

*Vaccine Storage and Handling for Health Care
Providers and Staff e-learning module*

2. Click "Register Now" and complete all fields to create a username and password. Enter your first name and last name as it will appear on the certificate.
3. Click "Login Now".
4. Select "Vaccine Storage and Handling" on the left menu to start the module.
5. If you need to pause the module, you may use your username and password to resume at another time.

Contact York Region Public Health

If you have any questions about the new Vaccine Storage and Handling e-Learning Module or vaccine-related questions, please contact the Vaccine Inventory Program at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74033 or vaccineinventory@york.ca.

Additional vaccination information can be found on York Region's [Vaccination Information for Health Professionals](#) webpage.

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