

Important Notice: Influenza Outbreak Antiviral Medication (Oseltamivir) Recommended

Central Zone

Resident or Decision Maker

A suspected or confirmed influenza outbreak is occurring at this site. Influenza can be a serious infection, particularly in the elderly and persons with chronic medical conditions, sometimes leading to hospitalization and death. Although residents may have received influenza vaccine, it is not 100% effective. Therefore, antiviral medication is recommended for all residents to minimize the risk of disease. Alberta Health provides this medication at no charge.

Recommendation for Antiviral Medication

- If a physician, prescribing pharmacist, or nurse practitioner was contacted in the fall to arrange for a prescription to be kept on-hand or to be readily available at a pharmacy, the prescription will be filled when the pharmacy is notified of the outbreak by Communicable Disease Control or Medical Officer of Health.
- If there is no prescription on-file at a pharmacy, please contact a physician, nurse practitioner, or prescribing pharmacist (<https://abpharmacy.ca>). The manager at some sites may be able to contact a prescribing pharmacist on your behalf.

If you have further questions, please contact the site manager.