

## Hazel McCallion urges Canadians to get their flu shot

# Revera's Chief Elder Officer advocates for influenza vaccination for staff and residents of long term care homes and retirement residences

MISSISSAUGA, Canada – NOVEMBER 10, 2022 – Revera's Chief Elder Officer, Hazel McCallion received her influenza vaccine on Tuesday, along with 50 employees at Revera's Support Office in Mississauga.

Dr. Rhonda Collins, Revera's Chief Medical Officer, was on hand to administer Hazel's flu shot, supported by representatives of MediSystem Pharmacy and Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacy, who supply Revera's retirement residences with influenza vaccines. This flu season, Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacy teams across the country delivered on-site influenza vaccine to residents and staff members at 40 Revera long term care homes and retirement residences.

"I encourage everyone to take their doctor's advice and get their flu shot as soon as possible," said Hazel. "We can all help prevent serious illness and reduce the spread of the virus by being vaccinated to help keep ourselves, and our family, friends, neighbours and colleagues safe during flu season."

Revera provides influenza vaccination clinics at its retirement residences and long term care homes, as well as COVID-19 booster vaccines.

"Revera is bracing for a serious influenza season, as well as the likelihood of new outbreaks of COVID-19 variants across Canada. Influenza is expected to have a greater impact this year, as peoples' immune systems have not been widely exposed to the flu virus during the pandemic," said Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera. "Revera urges everyone to be up-to-date with their COVID booster vaccines and to get their flu shot as soon as possible, as well as continuing to practice good infection prevention and control techniques such as frequent hand hygiene, masking where appropriate, and staying home if experiencing symptoms."

## PHOTO 1 CUTLINE:

Hazel McCallion, Chief Elder Officer, gets her flu shot from Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, at Revera's Support Office. Hazel urges all Canadians to get their flu shot as soon as possible.



#### PHOTO 2 CUTLINE:

(left to right) Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera; Zaynab Esayed, Pharmacy Technician, Shoppers Drug Mart (SDM); Moe Salama, Pharmacist, SDM; Hazel McCallion, Chief Elder Officer, Revera; Anne Lee, SDM Pharmacy Operations; Mohamed Elsabakhawi, Associate/Pharmacist Owner; and Tom Wellner, CEO, Revera, pose for a photo after the successful flu shot clinic at Revera's Support Office in Mississauga.

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