



Communications/Information Bulletin H1N1 Flu Virus Pandemic

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Primary Key Messages:

- Trends:
 - Overall, the province suggests influenza activity in Ontario is low. Other areas of the country, particularly British Columbia, recently reported confirmed cases of H1N1 in their communities.
 - The population-based hospitalization rate for H1N1 is 2.9 admissions per 100,000 Ontarians, and the population-based mortality rate is 0.18 deaths per 100,000 Ontarians. Over 79 per cent of fatal cases are in individuals over 40 years of age and 88 per cent had underlying chronic medical conditions.
- The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is aware of the health care sector's challenge with purchasing N95 respirators. The MOHLTC is in direct contact with suppliers and is working to ensure availability of this equipment in the coming months.
- Region of Waterloo Public Health released guidelines regarding the management of H1N1 in childcare facilities. These can be downloaded at <http://www.waterlooregionpandemic.ca/en/personalpreparedness/personalpreparedness.shtml>
Guidelines for mass gatherings and faith communities should be released next week.
- The public should keep doing what they normally do. **Organizations should ensure their influenza pandemic/continuity plans, including their related human resources polices, are current.** Organizations are also encouraged to review the Guidance Document for Workplaces.
- **Please see our Special Communications/Information Bulletin (also released today) for an update on the H1N1 and Seasonal Immunization Campaigns)**

Surveillance Data (H1N1 Cases):

In Ontario:

- Laboratory-confirmed cases: 4064
- Hospitalizations: 373 (cumulative)
- Deaths: 24

In Waterloo Region:

- Laboratory-confirmed cases: 38
- Hospitalizations: 9 (cumulative)
- Deaths: 0