



Communications/Information Bulletin
H1N1 Flu Virus Pandemic

Date: November 27, 2009

Key Messages:

- There continues to be influenza-like-illness in Waterloo Region, although activity continues to decrease:
 - Since Sept. 1, 243 cases of influenza A*, at varying stages of confirmation have been reported. Virtually all are expected to be H1N1.
 - No new H1N1 related deaths have been reported.
 - Schools absenteeism rates, emergency room visits, and influenza-like illness visits to physicians continue to decrease.

*As of November 25, 2009.

- As a result of steady demand for the H1N1 flu vaccine, Region of Waterloo Public Health announced that four additional immunization clinics will be held next week:
 - November 30 – Kitchener Memorial Auditorium – 400 East Ave., Kitchener
 - December 1 – Waterloo Oxford Secondary School - 1206 Snyder's Road W., Baden
 - December 2 – Huron Heights Secondary School - 1825 Strasburg Rd., Kitchener
 - December 3 – St. David's Secondary School – 4 High Street, Waterloo
 All clinics run from 2 – 8 p.m.
- The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is now accepting applications from nursing agencies who wish to administer the H1N1 vaccine in workplace settings. It is hoped workplaces can start offering clinics the week of Dec. 7.
- Not all individuals under 10 years of age require a second dose of the H1N1 flu vaccine. Dosing recommendations for children are as follows:

Category	Dosing Recommendation
Age 6 months to less than 3 years	2 half-doses of adjuvanted vaccine There should be a minimum of 21 days between the 2 half-doses.
Age 3 to 9 years - <i>Healthy children</i>	1 half-dose adjuvanted vaccine, for now*
Age 3 to 9 years - <i>Children with chronic medical conditions**</i>	2 half-doses of adjuvanted vaccine There should be a minimum of 21 days between the 2 half-doses.

* These recommendations may be updated as more information becomes available.

** Chronic medical conditions are defined as conditions “significant enough to require regular medical follow-up.”

- Region of Waterloo Public Health continues to operate its H1N1 general information line. Individuals are invited to phone 519-883-2289 if they have any questions or require information.