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This is an update to the April 29th communication on Human Swine Influenza H1N1.

1. New Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) Important Health Notice (IHN)

- Refer to the attached IHN released by the MOHLTC on April 30th and the accompanying revised *Clinical Guidelines on the Management of Patients with ILI in Ambulatory Settings*.

The IHN and revised Clinical Guidelines provide new information on:

- Reporting requirements to public health regarding patients with influenza-like illness (ILI)
- Laboratory Testing

2. Frequently Asked Practice Questions

We have no nasopharyngeal swabs. Whom should we contact for more supplies?

You can fax a requisition for more swabs to the public health laboratory warehouse at 416-235-5753, indicating Order #N0082 for viral respiratory kits.

Who is responsible for providing health care professionals with N95 masks?

At this time, there are no MOHLTC provisions for N95 masks for physician offices. Physicians may purchase their own N95 masks.

Should we begin using the MOHLTC Emergency Infection Control Kits provided to our offices in 2006?

According to the MOHLTC, the Emergency Infection Control Kits were provided to physicians as part of provincial pandemic planning. The kits contain hand sanitizer, surgical masks and gloves. The purpose of these kits is to provide supplies in the event that physicians should run out of supplies during a pandemic or other emergencies.

Situation Update

WHO Pandemic Alert Phase: 5

Local Case Update

- There are 19 confirmed cases in Canada as of April 30th at 9am.
- As of April 30th at 1pm, there are 8 confirmed cases in Ontario, 1 of which is in Peel.

New Important Health Notice

On April 30th, the MOHLTC issued a new Important Health Notice (IHN) and revised *Clinical Practices Guidelines on the Management of Patients with ILI in Ambulatory Settings*.

For More Information:

Human swine influenza H1N1

Please call the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Healthcare Providers Hotline toll free, at 1-866-212-2272 or, Peel Public Health (905) 799-7700.