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- **Update #12: Novel H1N1 influenza A virus, May 15, 2009**

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This is an update to the May 8th, 2009 communication on novel H1N1 influenza A virus.

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

The MOHLTC released a new IHN on May 14th (see attached). The IHN provides:

- A status update (Ontario cases)
- Notice of upcoming changes to clinical guideline documents previously released (Management of patients with ILI in ERs, ambulatory care and long-term care settings)
- Current hours of operation for the Health Care Provider Hotline

2. More Information

For more information on novel H1N1 influenza A virus, please call the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Healthcare Provider Hotline toll free at **1-866-212-2272**.

Please note the most recent changes to the MOHLTC Healthcare Provider Hotline hours of operation:

Monday-Friday	9am to 4pm
Saturday	CLOSED *
Sunday	CLOSED *
Victoria Day	CLOSED *

*** Note: On-call coverage will be provided for urgent issues over the weekend.** Physicians should call the Healthcare Provider Hotline and follow the directions provided to access on-call services.

3. Reporting

For after hours reporting of suspect cases of novel H1N1 influenza A, call 905-799-7700 and ask for the Communicable Disease (CD) on-call staff.

Situation Update

WHO Phase of Pandemic Alert: 5

Case Update

- As of May 14th at 3pm, there are 155 confirmed cases of novel H1N1 influenza A in Ontario, including 21 confirmed cases in Peel.
- As of May 14th at 3pm, 449 novel H1N1 Influenza A cases have been confirmed in Canada.