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H1N1-2009 Vaccine Delivery

In order to facilitate H1N1-2009 vaccine administration, Peel Public Health **will be delivering the H1N1 vaccine directly to physicians by a contracted courier.**

This delivery service will:

- Be solely for H1N1 vaccine
- Occur during regular business hours
- Be in effect until the end of November

The process is as follows:

- Peel Public Health will inform providers when their order is ready.
- Providers will need to ensure that their vaccine fridge temperature is between 2°-8° C and that there is sufficient space in the fridge. Each box of 500 doses is slightly smaller than a shoebox.
- There will be two delivery attempts made by the courier.
- If the courier cannot complete the deliveries scheduled on one day, the missed deliveries will be prioritized for delivery the next morning.

Other vaccines will still require pickup by providers as per regular practice.

H1N1-2009 Immunization Data Collection

Peel Public Health asks physicians, at minimum, to:

- Report the number of doses administered in a given week
- Report the number of reconstituted doses that were discarded (not used in 24 hours) in a given week
- Fax these data on a weekly basis to the Vaccine Order Desk at **905-793-4858**

- To report a significant adverse event following immunization (AEFI) with H1N1-2009 vaccine, please call 905-799-7700. When reporting an AEFI, you will be asked to provide the lot number of the vaccine given to the patient.

The major public health objective is to provide this vaccine to as many people as possible to prevent illness and disease transmission in our community.

Peel Public Health H1N1 Vaccine Clinics

- Our clinics will provide the H1N1 vaccine to children over 1 year of age. Children under 1 year of age will need to see a physician to obtain the vaccine.
- Pregnant women will also need to see a physician to obtain the vaccine.
- The Oct. 28 and Oct. 29 clinics at the International Centre are directed especially to residents under 65 years of age with chronic medical conditions and their caregivers.
- We will have 4 fully operational clinics across Peel starting Monday, November 2nd. These include two clinics in Brampton and two clinics in Mississauga.
- A Caledon area clinic will open Nov. 23rd.
- Other rotating clinic locations may be available through November and December.

For complete clinic details, please see the attached flyer.

Important Health Notice – Access to Supplies and Equipment

- The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care issued an *Important Health Notice* on October 22, 2009 (attached), outlining the process by which physicians and healthcare providers can access infection control supplies and equipment from the provincial stockpile.

Peel Public Health Service Changes

In order to operate our H1N1 Vaccine Clinics, it is necessary to redeploy staff from regular Public Health programs. From November 2nd to mid-December, the following Public Health service changes will be in effect:

- Breastfeeding Clinics will be closed. Telephone support will be available by calling 905-799-7700.
- Postpartum visits - Telephone contact will continue. Home visiting services will be postponed.
- Vaccine Pick-up
 - Fairview Clinic: regular service
 - Meadowvale Clinic: reduced hours - open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 - Malton Clinic: open Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. only
 - South Millway Clinic: closed
- Smoking Cessation Clinics: closed after Nov. 3rd
- Healthy Sexuality Clinics/Needle Exchange
 - Fairview and Brampton Clinic locations: regular hours and service
 - Meadowvale Clinic: reduced hours. Open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 - Malton Clinic: open Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. only

- South Millway Clinic: closed
- Bolton Clinic: 3:30 to 5:30 one Monday clinic/month; Nov. 2, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4

- Follow-up of Reportable Diseases
Peel Public Health will continue to follow-up on urgent reportable diseases.

Regular service delivery will continue in the following programs:

- Prenatal Classes
- Teen Prenatal Supper Club
- Teen Postpartum Group
- Dental Clinics
- Routine Immunization Clinics

Questions regarding H1N1-2009 vaccine ordering can be directed to the Vaccine Order Desk at **905-791-7800 x6404**.

For more information regarding H1N1 immunization, including public health clinics, contact Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700**.