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Vaccine delivery and utilization

Due to the limited supply of H1N1 vaccine from the manufacturer, Peel Public Health has a number of outstanding vaccine orders from physicians. We recognize that community physicians are essential in our vaccination efforts and we are doing everything we can to ensure you have vaccine. Your orders will be filled as soon as we receive an adequate supply.

Due to inadequate vaccine supply, Peel Public Health Immunization Clinics will be CLOSED on Sunday Nov. 8th until additional vaccine is received (anticipated late the week of Nov. 9th at the earliest)

Vaccination options for pregnant women

Currently, we do not vaccinate pregnant women at our Public Health clinics. Alternative options for your pregnant patients to be immunized are:

- If they have an obstetrician at WOHC Brampton or CVH they should call their office. Obstetricians have made arrangements with affiliated Family Doctors to vaccinate pregnant patients.
- Call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700. We have a limited number of special clinics to vaccinate pregnant women.

Panvax® H1N1 Vaccine (unadjuvanted)

Peel Public Health has received a small allotment of H1N1 **unadjuvanted** vaccine for administration to pregnant women. Due to our limited amount of unadjuvanted vaccine, we are distributing the vaccine to family practices that provide obstetrical services to a high number of pregnant women.

Note: the adjuvanted H1N1 vaccine Arepanrix™ can be provided to pregnant women, especially those greater than 20 weeks gestation or with co-morbidities.

Flu Assessment Centres

The Region of Peel will open 2 flu assessment centres next week: The purpose of the centres will be to reduce the burden on ERs by assessing ambulatory patients with ILI that do not require admission. We encourage you to send your patients if they cannot be seen during your clinic hours. The centres will open from 3:00pm-10:00pm daily starting:

- Tuesday Nov. 10th- Frank McKechnie Community Centre, Mississauga
- Thursday Nov 12th-Century Gardens Recreation Centre, Brampton

Doctors and nurses at these centres will provide assessment, advice and prescriptions for influenza as required.

The H1N1 vaccine will not be offered at these flu assessment centres.

Thank you to all who have signed up to work at the centres. We are still looking for physicians to work shifts (3:00pm-10:00pm). Should you be interested in working at a flu assessment centre, please call Karen Duong at 905-791-7800 x.2719
The hourly rate is \$250.

Antiviral treatment for children less than 12 months of age - correction

There has been a dosage recommendation **change** for antiviral treatment in children less than 12 months of age. The recommended dosage, as per the latest version of the ambulatory care guidance document from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (also recommended by the Canadian Pediatric Society), is as follows:

Age	Treatment: Oseltamivir (Tamiflu®)
< 9 months	3.0 mg/kg BID x 5 days
≥ 9 m < 12 m	3.5 mg/kg BID x 5 days
≥ 12 months	≤ 15 kg: 30 mg BID x 5 days
	> 15 to 23 kg: 45 mg BID x 5 days
	> 23 to 40 kg: 60 mg BID x 5 days
	> 40 kg: 75 mg BID x 5 days

Please see the attached MOHLTC Treatment Algorithm for Children < 5 years.

H1N1 Tools for your office

- Peel Public Health has received a number of calls inquiring about H1N1 vaccine reconstitution and stability. Please find attached an abridged version of the Arepanrix™ H1N1 Product Information Leaflet which contains the **highlights** on the use of this vaccine.
- STOP - ILI instruction sign attached. For signs in many languages visit:
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ccom/flu/h1n1/pro/stop_signs_lang.aspx
- Direct patients to interactive influenza self-assessment tools on the internet at:
<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ccom/flu/>

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

Or visit:

<http://www.peelregion.ca/health/topics/commdisease/h1n1-clinic-sched.htm>