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Expansion of Vaccine to the General Public

Peel Public Health will open its H1N1 vaccination clinics to **everyone** starting Thursday.

We invite physicians to provide the H1N1 vaccine to **any patient** who requests it.

Flu Assessment Centres – closing

The Region of Peel will be closing the temporary Flu Assessment Centres as of Thursday, November 19, 2009.

Review of surveillance data reveals that the hospital emergency departments are able to provide care for patients presenting with flu-like illness.

Thank you to all our health-care partners for supporting this important surge response and offering your time.

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Unadjuvanted Vaccine

Peel Public Health has received a supply of Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Pandemic Monovalent Vaccine (Without Adjuvant), manufactured by GSK. This vaccine is indicated for:

- pregnant women
- healthy people 10 – 64 years of age

The GSK unadjuvanted vaccine is available in single package 10-dose vials.

Please find attached an abridged version of the product information leaflet and the PHAC guidance document containing the highlights.

Vaccine distribution – key messages:

- As Peel Public Health has received additional vaccine this week, we anticipate being able to fill all H1N1 vaccine orders received.

- If you would like to provide the vaccine to your patients but have not ordered it yet, please do so as we foresee having a stable supply available. Peel Public Health can now provide you with sufficient vaccine to immunize your pregnant patients as well.
- As healthy individuals 10-64 years of age have been shown to mount an adequate immune response with both adjuvanted and unadjuvanted H1N1 influenza vaccine products, either vaccine can be used to immunize these individuals.
- Physician orders for H1N1 vaccine will be filled with the appropriate vaccine(s) based on patient population needs.

Please use the **attached order form** for any **new** orders of H1N1 vaccine.

Guide to Using Pandemic H1N1 Influenza Vaccines

There are now three pandemic H1N1 vaccines licensed for use in Canada. These are:

- Arepanrix™
- Panvax®
- Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Pandemic Monovalent Vaccine (Without Adjuvant)

Attached please find a quick reference comparison guide to using pandemic H1N1 Influenza vaccines.

For more information regarding H1N1 immunization contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit our website:

<http://www.peelregion.ca/health/professionals/>

For the latest H1N1 mass vaccination clinic schedule, visit:

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