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**Call for Sentinel Physicians**

**Peel Public Health is currently recruiting new sentinel physicians for 2010/11 to assist in tracking influenza and other respiratory viruses circulating in Peel.**

Last year, Peel Public Health initiated a sentinel physician influenza surveillance system to monitor local influenza-like illness activity. These data were used during the pH1N1 response to trigger the activation of flu assessment centres in Peel.

***What are sentinel physicians asked to do?***

Report the following information for one day per week:

- Total number of all consultations
- Number of influenza-like illness consultations by age group (i.e., 0-4 yrs, 5-19 yrs, 20-54 yrs, ≥55 yrs) provided
- Number of nasopharyngeal swabs taken

***Why become a sentinel physician?***

- CME credit available: Time spent reporting data is eligible for Mainpro-M2 credits (at 1 credit per hour of work)
- Help public health monitor the impact of influenza and assist in guiding prevention and control activities

**Please note:** The Peel sentinel surveillance system is separate from the federal FluWatch sentinel system. Physicians may participate in one or both systems.

To participate, please contact Communicable Disease Surveillance at 905-791-7800 x2884 or by e-mail at [ZZG-PeelSurveillance@peelregion.ca](mailto:ZZG-PeelSurveillance@peelregion.ca)

**Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP)**

Have you sent us your seasonal influenza vaccine order? Influenza vaccine distribution will begin on **September 30, 2010**.

You will receive the UIIP package directly from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in the near future.

**Note:** Peel Public Health influenza immunization community clinic dates will be available in early October.

**Re-location Reminder**

Effective October 15, 2010, vaccine pick-up will no longer be available at 44 Peel Centre Drive. As of October 19, vaccine orders can be picked up from 7120 Hurontario. (Please refer to Health Professionals Update Vol. 3, No. 17 released on September 22<sup>nd</sup> for details).

**Need more vaccine order forms?**

All order forms can be downloaded from:

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