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H1N1 Immunization Reduced Data Reporting Requirements

The MOHLTC has announced reduced reporting requirements for H1N1 delivery agents. As of November 21, 2009, physicians no longer need to complete and submit the H1N1 Immunization Data Collection Tool to their local health unit.

Physicians are requested, however, to report the total number of individuals vaccinated per week starting Nov 22. Please use the **attached form** and fax the aggregate data once weekly to 905-793-4858.

The detailed information collected to date by physicians has been a valuable contribution to provincial and national immunization coverage estimates and to the post marketing surveillance of the new vaccines.

Please note that although vaccine utilization data reporting has been reduced, physicians are still obligated to report all Adverse Events Following Immunization.

H1N1 Vaccine Lot Investigation

A particular lot of H1N1 vaccine is being withheld from use in several provinces across Canada including Ontario while the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada investigate reports of a higher than normal number of adverse events associated with the lot.

This vaccine was released in Ontario to two health units. Peel Public Health **did not** receive any vaccine from the affected lot. This vaccine has not been administered to any persons in Ontario.

Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) – New Form

There is a new form for reporting an AEFI from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) form no longer needs to be completed. If one of your patients experiences an AEFI:

- Fill out the PHAC form and fax it to 905-793-2114 or call us at 905-799-7700 to report the reaction.
- Peel Public Health is responsible for monitoring AEFIs in our community and reporting them to MOHLTC. In turn these are reported to PHAC to enable national level surveillance.

The PHAC AEFI form is available on our web site: <http://www.peelregion.ca/health/professionals/updates2009.htm> or visit the PHAC web site for the complete user guide at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/aeфи_guide/index-eng.php

Peel Public Health H1N1 Immunization Clinics

Peel Public Health will continue to offer H1N1 vaccinations to residents until Friday, Dec. 11. As demand declines, however, we are scaling back on operations resulting in the closure of some clinics this week.

For the latest H1N1 mass vaccination clinic schedule, visit: <http://www.peelregion.ca/health/topics/commdisease/h1n1-clinic-sched.htm>