



Weekly Status Report: Pandemic H1N1 Influenza Information for Community Partners

Date 22 Oct 09	Time: 11:00	Pandemic Level: 6
HIGHLIGHTS		
<p>The H1N1 vaccine will be arriving at the Northwestern Health Unit early in the week of the 26 October. Information will be advertised promptly about when you can receive your vaccine.</p>		
H1N1 ACTIVITY LEVEL		
<p>Ontario: Ontario health units are reporting sporadic to localized activity. Influenza activity is higher compared to the previous week.</p> <p>NWHU Area: No activity (Since Sept 1). Sporadic lab confirmed Influenza A, which needs further testing to determine if it is the H1N1 strain.</p> <p>Activity Level Definitions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) No activity: no lab confirmed cases2) Sporadic activity: sporadically occurring confirmed cases, no outbreaks3) Localized activity: sporadically occurring confirmed cases, no outbreaks in schools, workplaces or residential homes (in <50% of the region)4) Widespread activity: sporadically occurring confirmed cases, with outbreaks in schools, workplaces, or residential facilities (in >50% of the region) <p>Activity levels are assigned based on lab confirmations, ILI reports from various sources, and lab confirmed institutional outbreaks.</p>		
SCHOOLS/CHILD CARE FACILITIES		
<p>Public Health Agency of Canada has issued advice to schools and daycares indicating that schools/daycares should remain open; sick children, teachers and caregivers should stay home.</p> <p>Schools/Child Care Facilities: The MOHLTC Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of pH1N1 2009 in Elementary and Secondary Schools are available at: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/updates/archives/hu_09/provider/default.html</p> <p>Post Secondary and Boarding Schools: Public Health Guidance for Post Secondary and Boarding Schools re: the Prevention and Management of Influenza Like Illness, including H1N1 virus, can be found on the PHAC website at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/h1n1/hp-index-eng.php</p>		
REPORTING		
<p><u>Schools and daycares</u> should be reporting to us when their illness-related absenteeism exceeds 10%.</p>		

TRAVEL

PHAC advises Canadians not to travel while ill. Canadians are advised to visit the PHAC website for more info <http://www.fightflu.ca/travel-voyage-eng.html>

PHAC Interim Guidance: Prevention and management of cases of ILI that may be due to pandemic H1N1 2009 influenza virus on cruise ships.

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/h1n1/hp-ps/cs-pc-eng.php>

MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.nwhu.on.ca>

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ccom/flu/default.aspx>

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>

<http://www.who.int/en/>