



Weekly Status Report: Pandemic H1N1 Influenza Information for Community Partners

Date 26 Oct 09	Time: 11:00	Pandemic Level: 6
HIGHLIGHTS		
The H1N1 vaccine has arrived at the Northwestern Health Unit. For local scheduling information please see our website www.nwhu.on.ca or call toll free 1-866-468-2240		
H1N1 ACTIVITY LEVEL		
Ontario: Ontario health units are reporting sporadic to localized activity. Influenza activity is higher compared to the previous week.		
NWHU Area: Sporadic H1N1 activity in our catchment area.		
Activity Level Definitions:		
<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)		
Activity levels are assigned based on lab confirmations, ILI reports from various sources, and lab confirmed institutional outbreaks.		
SCHOOLS/CHILD CARE FACILITIES		
The 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.		
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/en/ccom/flu/h1n1/pro/docs/school_guidelines_20090828.pdf		
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-alerthe/h1n1/hp-ps/psili-eng.php		
REPORTING		
<u>Schools and daycares</u> should be reporting to us when their illness-related absenteeism exceeds 10%.		

TRAVEL

PHAC advises Canadians not to travel while ill. Canadians are advised to visit the PHAC website for more info: www.fightflu.ca

PHAC 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/>