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Which Chronic Conditions Qualify as High Priority for the H1N1 Vaccine for Those Under 65 Years?

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Until further notice from Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, the H1N1 influenza vaccine is being given only to priority groups at clinics around the city and county.

The six priority groups include:

- People under 65 with chronic conditions;
- Pregnant women;
- Healthy children 6 months to under five years of age;
- People living in remote or isolated communities (not applicable in our area);
- Health care workers; and
- Household contacts and care providers of persons at high risk who cannot be immunized or may not respond to vaccines.

The Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU) provided a list of common chronic conditions that qualify those under 65 years as high priority to receive the H1N1 vaccination.

These conditions include:

- Asthma and chronic lung disease
- Blood disorders
- Diabetes
- Heart disease
- Immunosuppressed (people taking cancer drugs or people with HIV/AIDS)
- Kidney disease
- Liver disease
- Neurological disorders
- Severe obesity

Those who do not have one of the above listed conditions or who are not in a priority group will be asked to return when Dr. King announces that the H1N1 vaccine is available for all Ontario residents. For individuals under 65 with conditions not included on this list who want to get the H1N1 vaccine, they are advised to consult with their physician or primary health care provider, or they can speak with a nurse at the PCCHU by calling 743-1000.

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As soon as enough vaccine becomes available, clinics will open up for all those who want the H1N1 influenza vaccine.

Up to the minute information about clinics and H1N1 is available by visiting www.pcchu.ca .

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