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# School Clinics to Proceed Pending H1N1 Vaccine Availability

*Parents, Students and Staff Advised That Clinic Dates May Change*

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While planning for school H1N1 vaccination clinics is well underway at the Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU), members of the school community are advised that clinic schedules may change pending availability of the vaccine.

"Parents, students and staff are starting to receive consent forms for H1N1 vaccine this week in the hope that we receive enough vaccine from the province to commence school clinics the week of November 9," explained Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health for the PCCHU. "As soon as we get provincial approval, I believe it is important to provide the vaccine to school-aged children in our community to keep them safe and to prevent further school-based outbreaks."

Last Friday, Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's Medical Officer of Health, announced that the H1N1 influenza vaccine was only to be administered to priority groups because of a disruption to the vaccine supply at the manufacturer.

Once confirmed, school vaccination clinics will be providing the H1N1 vaccine to the school communities only, and not to the general public. Clinics will be held in every school in Peterborough city and county, and details about the clinic dates and times for schools will be provided by both the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board, the Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud.

Consent forms for the adjuvanted H1N1 influenza vaccine Arepanrix® are available online by visiting [http://www.pcchu.ca/SI/H1N1/PanAdjConsent\\_Final\\_Oct\\_27.pdf](http://www.pcchu.ca/SI/H1N1/PanAdjConsent_Final_Oct_27.pdf).

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