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Health Unit to Vaccinate Seniors Over 65 in Long Term Care, First Responders and Corrections Workers

Province Expands H1N1 Vaccination Priority Groups

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Following yesterday's announcement by Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Peterborough County-City Health Unit will begin offering the H1N1 vaccine to seniors over 65 with chronic conditions living in long term care institutions as well as police, firefighters and frontline institutional correctional workers.

The PCCHU has already made contact with long term care facilities and retirement homes and made arrangements to deliver vaccine to them so staff there can begin immunizing those seniors over 65 who qualify. Please note that the province has not authorized vaccinations for seniors over 65 with chronic conditions at community clinics.

The Health Unit has also coordinated the delivery of vaccine to police and firefighters through the city's emergency services department. Police, firefighters and corrections workers can also receive their vaccine at community clinics.

The PCCHU received an additional 4,500 doses of the adjuvanted H1N1 vaccine yesterday which is being used to immunize local students as part of the province's pilot program for school-aged children as well as the expanded list of priority groups.

For more information on vaccine sequencing, please visit www.pcchu.ca.

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