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H1N1 Clinics Now Open to Seniors 65+ with Chronic Conditions and Children Aged 5 to 18

Health Unit Announces Additional Saturday Clinic for Nov. 14

Thursday, November 12, 2009, Peterborough

In anticipation of tomorrow'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 at community clinics to seniors over 65 with chronic conditions as well as school-aged children aged 5 to 18 years.

As a result, the Health Unit has added a second Saturday clinic on November 14 at Portage Place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accommodate the anticipated high demand. Local residents who qualify can also receive their H1N1 flu shot at Peterborough Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as well this Saturday.

Eligible individuals who plan to attend clinics are asked to bring their Ontario Health Cards and driver's licenses to speed up the process at the clinics. They will still be vaccinated if they do not have these items. People who are ill with a fever and/or a cough are asked NOT to come to a community clinic as they will not be vaccinated that day and will be asked to return when they are feeling better.

The Health Unit will continue to immunize students through the schools. Tomorrow's announcement will also mean that physicians, nurse practitioners and other primary care health professionals can administer the H1N1 vaccine to their patients who qualify. Eligible local residents wishing to be immunized against H1N1 now have several options to choose from.

The current list of priority groups eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccine is:

- Health care workers
- Pregnant women
- People with chronic conditions (including those over 65)
- Children 6 months to 18 years
- Household contacts and care providers of infants less than 6 months old or those who have compromised immune systems
- First responders (police and firefighters)
- Frontline corrections workers at provincial facilities

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Healthy adults 19 years of age and older are being asked to wait to get immunized until more vaccine becomes available. There will be clinics available later this month and early December for everyone who still wants the H1N1 vaccine.

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

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