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Employers May Resume Sick Note Policies: Medical Officer of Health

H1N1 Influenza Surge is Declining in Peterborough

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Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health of the Peterborough County-City Health Unit, announced today that employers may reinstate their sick note policies now that the second wave of H1N1 is subsiding in the Peterborough area.

“Responding to H1N1 has truly been a community effort, and we greatly appreciate the flexibility of employers who eased the pressure on our local physicians and health care providers by temporarily suspending their sick note policies,” said Dr. Pellizzari. “Now that the demands on the primary care sector to assess and manage of patients with respiratory or influenza-like illness are declining, employers may resume their policies.”

While current epidemiological surveillance indicates the level of H1N1 activity in Peterborough city and county is tapering off, the H1N1 flu virus is still the dominant strain circulating in our community. Dr. Pellizzari explained that one reason why the rates of H1N1 are starting to decline is because more people have been vaccinated against the virus. Immunization is the best protection against the influenza infection and local residents are encouraged to get the H1N1 vaccine to protect themselves and their families.

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