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New priority groups for H1N1 flu shots announced

Effective immediately, Public Health will provide the H1N1 vaccine to children up to 13 years of age and seniors 65 and older who have underlying medical conditions

NEWS

Public Health & Emergency Services is expanding its original priority H1N1 flu shot clinics to include:

- **Children up to and including the age of 13 years.** This means all children between six months and 13 years now fall into one of the provincial priority groups.
- **Seniors 65 years and older who have an underlying medical condition.** This means adults of any age with underlying medical conditions can now receive the vaccine.

This change takes effect immediately and extends to the Public Health H1N1 flu shot clinic scheduled today in Ingersoll at the CAW Hall from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and a new clinic announced for tomorrow in Woodstock at the Oxford Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Public Health has scheduled 14 additional clinics between November 14 and December 5 for priority groups as they are identified by the provincial government. A full clinic schedule is posted at www.oxfordcounty.ca/h1n1. (See full listing below.)

BACKGROUND

1. FULL UPDATED LISTING OF PRIORITY GROUPS FOR THE H1N1 FLU VACCINE (Nov 13, 2009)

- People of any age with a chronic medical condition;
- Children aged 6 months to 13 years;
- Health care workers and first responders;
- Pregnant women; and
- Household contacts or caregivers of those at high risk who cannot be immunized, such as children under six months and those who are immunocompromised.

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2. CHART 1 - UPCOMING H1N1 FLU SHOT CLINICS IN OXFORD COUNTY

H1N1 FLU SHOT CLINICS NOV 14 - DEC 3
SAT, NOVEMBER 14—10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Woodstock: Oxford Auditorium (Fairgrounds)
MON, NOVEMBER 16— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Tillsonburg: Special Events Centre, 60 Cedar St.
TUES, NOVEMBER 17— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Woodstock: Oxford Auditorium (Fairgrounds)
WED, NOVEMBER 18— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Ingersoll: CAW Hall, 364 Victoria St.
THURS, NOVEMBER 19— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Woodstock: Oxford Auditorium (Fairgrounds)
MON, NOVEMBER 23— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Tillsonburg: Special Events Centre, 60 Cedar St.
TUES, NOVEMBER 24— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Woodstock: Goff Hall, 381 Finkle St.
WED, NOVEMBER 25— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Ingersoll: CAW Hall, 364 Victoria St.
THURS, NOVEMBER 26— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Norwich: Community Centre Aud., Stover St.
MON, NOVEMBER 30— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Tavistock: Memorial Hall, 3 Adam St.
TUES, DECEMBER 1— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Thamesford: Community Hall, 85 Middleton St.
WED, DECEMBER 2— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Tillsonburg: Special Events Centre, 60 Cedar St.
THURS, DECEMBER 3— 3:00 - 7:00 PM Woodstock: Goff Hall, 381 Finkle St.
SAT, DECEMBER 5—10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Ingersoll: IDCI-School cafeteria, 37 Alma St.

QUICK FACTS

- The pandemic H1N1 flu virus is a respiratory disease caused by a type A influenza virus. The virus spreads from person to person and causes seasonal flu-like symptoms. Symptoms of H1N1 include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, and, in some people, diarrhea and vomiting, especially in children.
- To help protect yourself and others from the flu: wash your hands; cover your cough; and stay home when you are sick. The best way to protect yourself from the flu is to get vaccinated.

ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH & EMERGENCY SERVICES Oxford County Public Health & Emergency Services seeks to promote and protect the health of Oxford County's more than 100,000 residents. The department's services include family health, immunization, healthy living, infectious disease prevention, sexual health, environmental health, emergency services, and other programs that support healthy behaviours in a healthy environment. For more information, visit www.oxfordcounty.ca/publichealth.

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