

Western Health Provides Schedule for H1N1 Immunization Clinics for November 18th – 19th, 2009

For the following clinics scheduled November 18th – 19th, 2009, H1N1 vaccination will be limited to the following priority groups:

- Individuals less than 65 years of age with a chronic medical illness such as diabetes, cardiac disease, blood disorders, or bowel disease.
- In addition, all individuals currently receiving hemodialysis, regardless of age.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Corner Brook, Pepsi Studio Annex	Wednesday, November 18 th	10 am – 7 pm
Stephenville, St. Stephen's Parish Hall	Wednesday, November 18 th	10 am – 7 pm
Deer Lake, Xavier School	Wednesday, November 18 th	10 am – 7 pm
Port aux Basques, St. James Elementary	Wednesday, November 18 th	10 am – 7 pm
Norris Point, Municipal Building	Wednesday, November 18 th	9 am – 5 pm
Port Saunders, Community Health Office, Rufus Guinchard Health Centre	Wednesday, November 18 th	9 am – 5 pm
Pollards Point, Community Health Office	Wednesday, November 18 th	9 am – 5 pm
Burgeon, Community Health Office, Calder Health Centre	Wednesday, November 18 th	9 am – 5 pm
Cow Head, Long Range Academy	Thursday, November 19 th	1 pm – 4 pm
Woody Point, Community Health Office	Thursday, November 19 th	1 pm – 4 pm

Individuals who meet this criteria will have the option of receiving the unadjuvanted vaccine at mass immunization clinics once the adjuvanted vaccine is no longer available. If individuals choose not to accept the unadjuvanted vaccine at that time, they will be

given the first opportunity to receive the adjuvanted vaccine once the next shipment is received.

The federal government officially approved use of the unadjuvanted H1N1 vaccine in Canada on November 13. The vaccine is now approved for individuals between 10 and 64 years of age who are not immunocompromised. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), the adjuvanted and unadjuvanted vaccines have been shown to provide an excellent immune response for individuals between 10 and 64 years of age.

Please be advised anyone who does not meet the priority groups criteria will be screened out at this time.

As part of the H1N1 immunization registration process, persons are required to have their MCP Card with them at the time of registration. People are asked to wear short sleeves or easy roll up sleeves.

All residents will have access to the H1N1 vaccine. Western Health will update the schedule as more information is available. The Provincial Government, working with the Regional Health Authorities, will monitor the mass immunization program as it rolls out and changes may be made to the existing plan.

If people have questions or concerns please call 1-877-632-H1N1 (4161).

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Backgrounder:

Individuals in the priority groups identified below have already been vaccinated. If you have not been able to attend a vaccination clinic and fit in one of the groups below please call 1-877-632-H1N1 to make arrangements to receive your vaccine.

- Children six months up to fifty-nine months of age (under the age of 5 years).
- School-aged children from kindergarten to Grade three.
- People five years of age, up to and including 24 years of age, with chronic health conditions.
- Individuals between the ages of 25 and up to, but not including, 40 with chronic respiratory disease such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or cystic fibrosis. Eligibility will require proof of active treatment of the disease (for example, prescription, labeled medication, insurance forms, etcetera).
- All pregnant women in the region who are up to 20 weeks pregnant. The non-adjuvanted vaccine will be available by appointment and all women in this high risk group will be contacted by their Public Health Office by November 6. If anyone in this group does not receive a call please call 1-877-632-H1N1 (4161).

- All women over 20 weeks pregnant should have already received an appointment with their Public Health Nurse. If anyone in this group has not received a call please call 1-877-632-H1N1 (4161).
- Parents or other primary care givers (up to two per child) of children under the age of six months, and of immuno-compromised children and young adults (up to and including 24 years of age) who can not themselves be vaccinated.
- Individuals who are transplant patients including pre-transplant patients on a wait list and directed by their physician to receive the vaccine and post transplant patients.
- Hospital in-patients less than 65 years of age with one or more chronic health conditions.
- For individuals undergoing active cancer treatment (chemotherapy or radiation), arrangements will be made for vaccination at the time of your chemotherapy at a hospital or health centre. For cancer patients receiving home chemotherapy, arrangements will be made by your Continuing Care Nurse.
- Individuals less than 65 years of age with chronic respiratory disease such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or cystic fibrosis.
- Individuals less than 65 years of age with compromised respiratory function due to a physical, neurological or muscular disorder (for example ALS, Multiple Sclerosis, quadriplegia, paraplegia, Spina Bifida).