

Influenza A H1N1 (SOIV) – Information Update July 24, 2009

As of July 24, all AHS Influenza A H1N1 information – including updates and resources – will be made available on the Alberta Health Services website (www.albertahealthservices.ca) The AHS H1N1 website will be one of the key sources of H1N1 information going forward, accessible to all AHS staff, physicians and partners.

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We each play a part with Influenza A H1N1 (SOIV)

Alberta Health Services are committed to planning and addressing the current needs with the continued spread of Influenza A H1N1 (SOIV). (see *Dr. Duckett's blog of July 24th*) Members of the Alberta Health Services Executive have been appointed to coordinate the response to H1N1. The Alberta Health Services Executive have developed a structure to support ongoing planning and response activities, including the management of emerging issues. Staff members across Alberta Health Services can do their part by reducing the spread of the virus. Staff members are reminded to wash their hands regularly or use hand sanitizer. Stay home if you are sick. Do not visit others if you are not feeling well. Each one of us can do our part to reduce the spread of Influenza A H1N1 (SOIV).

AHS H1N1 Website

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Coordination Centre

The Coordination Centre has been established to assist in addressing H1N1 response issues in a timely manner. Staff members are encouraged to address issues and / or questions with their Managers and the Coordination Centre is an additional resource available to Managers, Staff and Physicians for information and issue resolution on matters related to H1N1.

The hours of operation are 0800 – 1700 hours, Monday to Friday. For after hours inquiries please contact local “On call”. The Coordination Centre can be reached by calling **1-403-955-9873** or toll free at **1-877-228-3031**, or by email at racc.operations@albertahealthservices.ca.

Staff Illness

If you have symptoms of a respiratory illness, you should:

- Stay home from work and limit unnecessary contact with others.
- Call Health Link Alberta at 1-866-408-LINK (5465) for more information regarding respiratory illness.
- If your symptoms worsen (eg. Shortness of breath, dehydration, worsening fever, cough or weakness), contact your health care provider or visit your nearest health care centre.

