

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

Please distribute to all physicians at this fax.

Date: November 4, 2009
To: All Alberta Physicians
From: Senior Physician Executive
Re: **H1N1 Physician Communication Update to November 4, 2009**

Important:

AMA President's Letter November 3, 2009 outlines:

- Billing Code for H1N1 telephone advice 03.01AD
- Pandemic (H1N1) Influenza Physician Payment Plan 2009/2010

<http://www.albertadoctors.org/> (Click on **Publications**, then **President's Letter**)

Eligibility for Physician Payment Plan 2009/2010:

Register online through the AHS website, **Information for Physicians** web page using the H1N1 Physician Link at: <https://www4.albertahealthservices.ca/pandemic/>

Changes to Influenza Lab Requisitions. Testing for influenza and other respiratory viruses will NOT be accepted and performed on samples from community settings. To help prioritize other samples, a new requisition form has been implemented. Thank you to all those who have already complied – the impact has been significant.

http://www.provlab.ab.ca/LabBulletin2009/Requisition_Influenza_2009.pdf

Latest News:

Monitor the Alberta Health Services **H1N1 for Health Professionals** website and then follow the link to **Information for Physicians** for latest news: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/660.asp>

- Immunization clinics have resumed; emphasis on high risk patients from November 5, 2009.
- Staff vaccination program resumes November 4, 2009. Phase 1 to target front-line workers.
- N95 Respirators (3M and Kimberly Clark) available to physicians in the community at no cost.
- Influenza Assessment Centers open in Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge.
- Anti-viral treatment available to staff and physicians at no cost.
- Daily Alberta Pandemic (H1N1) Surveillance Updates now posted to the H1N1 for Health Professionals website

Laboratory Updates:

Bulletins posted on the ProvLab website: http://www.provlab.ab.ca/partner_updates.htm

- Pandemic Laboratory Alert 2009-October-26
- Bulletin #2009-13: Introduction of Pandemic Influenza Requisition (**All Physicians**)
- Bulletin #2009-14: Sunrise Clinical Manager (SCM) Important Changes (**Calgary Zone only**)
- Bulletin #2009-15: Guidelines for monitoring viral shedding in ICU patients (**ICU only**)

For more information visit the website: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/660.asp>
Or contact: AHS.ECC@albertahealthservices.ca

Physician Update: Weekly Update of H1N1 documents released and news up to November 4, 2009
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