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Bulletin for Physicians Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

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Re: Pandemic (H1N1) 2009: Physician Issue Update

H1N1 website specifically for Physicians

A **new section** of the AHS H1N1 Health Professionals website has been added specifically for physicians to help you stay up to date with pandemic information and communications relevant to the physician community. To access it, follow the **Information for Physicians** link at the top of this web page:

www.albertahealthservices.ca/660.asp

Influenza: AHS Clinical Presentation and Management Guidelines for Physicians

Alberta Health Services clinical guidelines to assist physicians in assessing, managing, and treating patients with Influenza-like Illness have been posted to the Physician H1N1 section of the AHS website mentioned above.

AHS Supply of N95 Respirators to Physicians

All community physicians and their office / clinic staff who have been fit-tested for N95 respirators will be eligible to receive free supplies of N95 respirators and surgical / procedure masks from Alberta Health Services. The N95 respirators and masks will be distributed through centrally located pick-up points throughout the province. Details will follow shortly.

AHS Staff and Physician H1N1 Vaccination

In addition to public immunization, H1N1 vaccination clinics specifically for staff and physicians will begin the week of October 26. Schedules and locations will be announced soon.

Access to Influenza Treatment for Physicians and Healthcare Workers

AHS will provide all physicians and health care staff with free antiviral treatment if they develop Influenza-like illness. Details on the distribution process will follow shortly.

Extraordinary Pandemic Payment Programs for Physicians

Alberta Health and Wellness and the Alberta Medical Association continue to work on the details of special payment programs to support physician activity under extraordinary influenza conditions. To be eligible, physicians must register with AHS as being part of the AHS pandemic response (see below). Further details about the program itself will be shared as soon as available.

H1N1 Physician Registration Tool

Physicians are reminded to register to indicate that they will be part of the AHS response by either continuing their regular clinical roles as long as possible or by participating in new H1N1 clinical activities such as Influenza Assessments Centres. To register, click the **Information for Physicians** button on the website above or call 780-735-0719.