

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

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Date: October 28, 2009
 To: All Alberta Physicians
 From: Senior Physician Executive
 Re: **Access to Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 adjuvanted vaccine (Arepanrix™)**

Over the next week or so, we expect to have sufficient H1N1 vaccine supply to be able to engage physician partners to administer the pH1N1 vaccine in their offices.

You are asked to advise Public Health in your Zone of your interest in offering adjuvanted pH1N1 vaccine in your office. You should be aware of the following details about the adjuvanted pH1N1 vaccine (Arepanrix™) to help you in making your decision:

- this vaccine requires reconstitution before use - drawing up the f adjuvant with a large gauge needle (20 g is recommended) and injecting it into the vial of antigen to create a 10-dose vial (10 X 0.5 ml) of vaccine.
- Reconstitution requires 5 - 10 minutes to complete.
- Each reconstituted vial needs to be labeled and used within 24 hours of preparation.
- Detailed instructions and other information about Arepanrix™ will be posted on the AHS website under "Information for Health Professionals" by the end of this week.

If you are interested in offering the vaccine in your office, please follow your usual practice by ordering vaccine through Public Health in your area. If you are unsure of this process, please contact your Zone Emergency Coordination Centre indicating your interest and an estimate of the number of people to whom you will offer the vaccine.

Centre	Phone	Toll Free	Email
North ZEOC	780-830-3542	1-866-837-7754	zeoc.north@pchr.ca
Edmonton ZEOC	780-408-6656	1-877-253-7093	zeoc.edmonton@albertahealthservices.ca
Central ZEOC	403-406-5530	1-888-406-5530	zeoc.central@albertahealthservices.ca
Calgary ZEOC	403-943-0979	1-866-583-6509	zeoc.calgary@albertahealthservices.ca
South ZEOC	403-388-6635	1-866-785-1560	zeoc.south@albertahealthservices.ca

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

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