

# H1N1 VACCINATION CLINICS EXPANDED PRIORITY GROUPS

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- \* Children 5-13 years of age
- \* Persons 65 years of age and older with chronic conditions

## **Health care providers**

All staff members who work in the following locations:

- hospitals;
- long term care facilities;
- health care provider offices (includes allied health care provider offices such as dental and optometry offices, physiotherapy and massage therapy clinics)
- Community Care Access Centres (CCAC);
- contract nursing agencies;
- Emergency Medical Services;
- public health units;
- medical doctors and nurses;
- health care students with direct patient contact;
- pharmacists and pharmacy assistants;
- medical laboratory workers;
- Canadian Blood Services workers;
- mental health workers;
- emergency personnel (Fire, Police) who respond to health emergencies

## **People less than 65 years of age with underlying medical conditions**

- chronic respiratory disease, including asthma
- cardiac disease
- diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases
- cancer
- immunodeficiency or immunocompromised (due to underlying therapy and/or disease including HIV/AIDS and transplant patients)
- renal disease
- liver disease
- anemia or hemoglobinopathy
- morbid obesity
- children less than 18 years of age on long term aspirin therapy
- conditions that compromise the management of respiratory secretions and are associated with an increased risk of aspiration, such as neurologic conditions or cognitive disorders

## **Others**

- Child from 6 months of age to less than 5 years of age
- Household contacts or caregivers of children less than 6 months of age; includes household members of pregnant women expecting in the next 8 weeks
- Pregnant women in the second half of pregnancy (over 20 weeks gestation) or women with underlying medical conditions at any stage of pregnancy
- Household contacts and caregivers of a person who is immunocompromised

Once the Health Unit receives enough vaccine, everyone will be able to be immunized.

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