

DATE: November 10, 2009
TO: College Community
FROM: Dr. Rick Rowland, Manager, Health Services

SUBJECT: INFLUENZA UPDATE – H1N1 vaccination clinic on the Woodroffe Campus for priority groups – Wednesday, November 11

We have received a limited number of doses of H1N1 Influenza vaccine in the Algonquin Health Services.

These vaccines will be made available to H1N1 priority groups as defined by the province of Ontario on **Wednesday, November 11 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in room C141**. If you are in one of the priority group listed below, be sure to bring your Health Insurance card (OHIP, RAMQ, etc.). Once in the clinic, you will be given a consent and information form to sign; children under 6 years of age must be brought by their parent to sign for them. The vaccination is only available to Algonquin students, staff and faculty.

If you are one of the following priority groups you may come for vaccine on Wednesday, November 11:

- Pregnant women
- Care-givers of children under 6 months
- Children 6 months to 5 years of age accompanied by parent or legal guardian and currently enrolled in Algonquin's Early Learning Centre
- People under 65 with chronic medical conditions (eg. Asthma, cancer, immune problems)
- People living with someone who is high risk but can't receive vaccine

People who are not in a priority group will not be given vaccine this week, but we anticipate a wider definition of priority before long.

If you are a healthy student in a front-line Health Profession, please do not come to this clinic, your class will be given a different day to come for the vaccine. If you are already ill with a fever, wait until the fever has passed before having vaccine.

All our vaccine has the adjuvant, which increases its effectiveness. If you are pregnant and prefer to receive vaccine without adjuvant, it is available in some Public Health clinics. However, there is no evidence of any difference in safety between the two types of vaccine.