

FAQs – H1N1 AND VACCINATIONS

FOR EVERYONE:

Q. Can I get the H1N1 Vaccination at Algonquin College?

A. Algonquin College doesn't yet have H1N1 vaccine to distribute at the Perth or Woodroffe campuses. A small supply of vaccine is expected to be delivered at the Pembroke campus on November 2.

Q. Why isn't Algonquin offering more vaccinations?

A. At this time, H1N1 Vaccination in Ottawa is being carried out only at designated vaccine clinics operated by the City of Ottawa for high-risk groups. Those groups include:

- People with chronic medical conditions i.e. Diabetes
- Children 6 months to 5 years of age
- Front line health care workers
- Household contacts and care providers of infants and people with compromised immune systems
- Pregnant women

You can visit:

http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/health/conditions/swine_influenza/index_en.html to find more information about Ottawa; <http://www.rcdhu.com/> for information about Pembroke; or <http://www.healthunit.org/> for Perth clinics.

Q. I'm not a member of any of those groups. When can I get the vaccination?

A. Consult the City of Ottawa web site for the latest information on vaccinations for the general public. You can visit:

http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/health/conditions/id_prevention/preventing_germs/index_en.html to find more information about Ottawa; <http://www.rcdhu.com/> for information about Pembroke; or <http://www.healthunit.org/> for Perth clinics.

Q. Where can I get vaccinated?

A. There is a complete list of clinics offering the vaccination on the City of Ottawa web site. The closest location to Algonquin College where the vaccine is being given is at the City of Ottawa building at 100 Constellation Crescent, and is open Monday – Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Saturday – Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For Perth and Pembroke please refer to the websites referenced above.

Q. I think I'm sick with the flu. What should I do?

A. Most cases of the flu, whether it's H1N1 or the regular seasonal flu, do not require medical treatment. The government of Ontario has developed self-assessment charts that can help you decide whether or not to seek medical attention. The self-assessment tool is available at:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ccom/flu/h1n1/public/tools/assessment/default.aspx>

For information about treatment of H1N1 visit:

http://ottawa.ca/residents/health/conditions/swine_influenza/treatment/index_en.html

Q. I think I'm sick with the flu. Should I contact Health Services?

General information about influenza can be obtained online through the government of Canada's www.fightflu.ca site. Health Services is not tracking cases individually, so they do not need to be informed. For basic information about Algonquin College and the H1N1 flu, visit www.algonquincollege.com/h1n1. Doctor's notes for class or employee absence are NOT required during the H1N1 outbreak.

Q. How will I know when Algonquin College has H1N1 vaccination clinics scheduled?

A. Notices will be posted on MyAlgonquin the web site, and on Blackboard, and an e-mail will be distributed to staff and students when and if the College is able to provide vaccinations.

FOR EMPLOYEES:

Q. As an employee, Do I need a doctor's note for absence?

A. At this time, the College is not requiring a doctor's note for sicknesses due to H1N1.

Q. When should I return to work if I'm sick with the flu?

A. For general information on returning to work after the flu visit:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ccom/flu/h1n1/public/care.aspx>

or speak to a medical professional.

FOR STUDENTS:

Q. As a student, do I need a doctor's note for absence?

A. At this time, the College is not requiring a doctor's note for sicknesses due to H1N1.

Q. When should I return to school if I'm sick with the flu?

A. For general information on returning to work after the flu visit:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/ccom/flu/h1n1/public/care.aspx>

or speak to a medical professional.

FOR PARENTS:

Q. Are students in residence being checked for H1N1?

A. Our residence staff and advisors are constantly in touch with the students in residence. When people appear ill, they ensure they're taking care of themselves and help to provide any necessary services. If a significant number of students begin to appear sick, Algonquin College will use a telephone service to begin systematic checking of students' health status.

Q. Is there a number I can call to check on my child?

A. It would be preferable for you to check on your child's health with your child. We cannot monitor each resident's health on an ongoing basis.

Q. Are there vaccinations available to students?

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