

Health **FAX**

End of Restricted Access to Simcoe Muskoka pH1N1 Vaccinations

Attention: Physicians, Long-Term Care Homes, Hospitals, Infection Control
Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics, Nurse Practitioners, Occupational Health
Professionals, Correctional Facilities, Rest & Retirement Homes
Date: November 16, 2009

A Message from the Medical Officer of Health

Beginning Tuesday, November 17th all Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit pH1N1 public vaccination clinics **will be open without restrictions to anyone over the age of six months**. We recommend that this unrestricted access also be applied by all those who are providing vaccine (i.e., physicians' offices, hospitals, long-term care homes and others).

Our clinics are scheduled to continue through the end of November and can be extended into December to meet public demand for vaccine as necessary.

Details of the clinic dates, times and locations can be found on our website www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or by calling *Your Health Connection* at 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Flu activity is still very high in Simcoe Muskoka compared to the first wave of the pandemic. It is important that we get as many people vaccinated as soon as possible to help stop the spread of pH1N1.

Please submit your vaccine orders for pH1N1 through the usual channels **in the quantities you need to also service this unrestricted population**. We will continue to fill these orders to the extent the current supply and our future supplies permit.

Sincerely,

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