

# Health **FAX**

## Staff/Family H1N1 Clinics in Hospitals

Attention: **Hospitals**  
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### A Message from the Medical Officer of Health

Yesterday the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit opened up the H1N1 vaccination program to **all people over the age of six months**, both in our clinics and for our Vaccine Delivery Agents (VDAs) (e.g. physicians, hospitals, EMS, LTCHs and other VDAs).

We have had a few enquiries about vaccination of the families of staff in employee health clinics by some institutions. Previously we have advised against the inclusion of family members, even those family members who may have been included in the approved sequence groups, because of the real or perceived risk or appearance of inequity.

We no longer see the need for any such restraints in these clinics. We have an ample supply of vaccine on hand and expect a continuous supply to meet any conceivable demand. **VDAs have our support to vaccinate anyone over six months of age in any clinic.**

Sincerely,

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