



Perth District  
Health Unit

## H1N1 Clinics Now Open to All Perth County Residents

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**

**Perth County** — The Perth District Health Unit has announced that pending vaccine availability; all Perth County residents six months of age and older can receive their vaccine at community clinics beginning Wednesday November 18.

The Health Unit received another shipment of vaccine earlier this week and it is expected that vaccine will continue to be delivered in the coming weeks. "We are pleased that we are able to move into this final stage of the H1N1 vaccination campaign," said Dr. Miriam Klassen, Acting Medical Officer of Health. "We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents and welcome anyone who has not been vaccinated to come forward to receive their immunization."

Because the clinics are now open to everyone, residents should anticipate busier clinics and plan accordingly. The clinics currently scheduled include:

**Listowel**

Wednesday, November 18  
2:00 – 7:30pm  
Listowel District Secondary School, 155 Maitland Avenue South

**St. Marys**

Thursday, November 19  
2:00 – 7:30pm  
St. Marys Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James Street South

**Stratford**

Friday, November 20  
2:00 – 7:30pm  
Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

Anyone coming to the clinics should bring their Health Card and Driver's Licence (if applicable). If you do not have either of these cards, you will still be able to receive the vaccine.

**PLEASE NOTE: Clinic schedules are being planned on a day to day basis due to vaccine supply issues so it is critical that residents check our website at [www.pdhu.on.ca](http://www.pdhu.on.ca) or call Health Line at 519-271-7600 ext 267 (Listowel area call 1-877-271-7348 ext 267), and listen to CJCS/Mix FM or CKNX on the day of the clinic to find out if clinics have been cancelled or closed early.**

**Information for Parents:** The Public Health Agency of Canada's recommendations on H1N1 flu vaccine dosing for children aged six months to under 10 years of age include:

AGE GROUP	DOSAGE
All children six months to under 3 years of age	Two half doses at least 21 days apart
Healthy children aged three to under 10 years	One half dose only
Children aged three to under 10 years with weakened immune system*	Two half doses at least 21 days apart

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\* Children in this age group who have other chronic medical conditions that may increase their risk of influenza-related complications may also benefit from receiving two half-doses of the vaccine. According to the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, those chronic conditions are: Cardiac or pulmonary disorders (including bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis and asthma); diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases; cancer, immunodeficiency, immunosuppression (due to underlying disease and/or therapy); renal disease; anaemia or hemoglobinopathy; conditions that compromise the management of respiratory secretions and are associated with an increased risk of aspiration; or children and adolescents with conditions treated for long periods with acetylsalicylic acid.

Dr. Klassen said, "Our local surveillance is showing a decline in Perth County influenza activity, however there is still quite a bit in the Greater Toronto Area, as well as other areas of Canada and the world. As a result, there is still benefit in people being vaccinated."

For more information and for a schedule of H1N1 influenza vaccine clinics, visit our website at [www.pdhu.on.ca](http://www.pdhu.on.ca) (click on "it's a different flu season"), or call Health Line at 519-271-7600 ext 267. Listowel area residents call 1-877-271-7348 ext 267.

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