

# H1N1 Community Clinics Ending December 1

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Friday, November 20, 2009**

**Perth County** — The Perth District Health Unit announced H1N1 vaccine clinics will continue until December 1. Currently, clinics are open to all Perth County residents six months of age and over.

The clinics for next week include:

## **Stratford**

Monday, November 23  
Friday, November 27  
Monday, November 30  
2:00 – 7:30pm  
Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

## **Mitchell**

Tuesday, November 24  
2:00 – 7:30pm  
Mitchell Community Centre, 185 Wellington Street

## **Listowel**

Wednesday, November 25  
2:00 – 7:30pm  
Parkview Gardens, 575 Elizabeth Street East

## **St. Marys**

Thursday, November 26  
2:00 – 7:30pm  
St. Marys Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James Street South

## **Milverton**

Tuesday, December 1  
2:00 – 7:30pm  
Perth East Recreation Centre, 40 Temperance Street

**PLEASE NOTE: Residents should continue to check our website at [www.pdhu.on.ca](http://www.pdhu.on.ca) or call Health Line (519-271-7600 ext 267. Listowel area residents 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.**

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. "We understand that some individuals may have difficulty standing for long periods of time, so it's important that they inform clinic staff when they arrive at the clinic." Said Dr. Miriam Klassen, Acting Medical Officer of Health.

**Information for Parents:** A note of clarification for parents of children under ten years of age who require a second dose of the H1N1 vaccine. Additional clinics are being planned to ensure that all children who have been vaccinated with a first dose have the opportunity to receive their second dose at least 21 days later. Clinic dates will be announced soon (pending vaccine supply).

Please also note that anyone bringing a child that they are not the legal guardian or parent of (e.g. grandparent or friend), need to obtain consent (in the form of a letter) from the parent or legal guardian of the child before coming to the clinic.



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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* (see next page)	Two half doses at least 21 days apart

\* 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.

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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