



# News Release

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## Priority groups expanded and new dates for mass immunization clinics added

Central Health wishes to advise the public that the priority groups to receive the H1N1 vaccine will be further expanded beginning **on Monday, November 16, 2009**.

The following groups will be added to the priority list for H1N1 vaccination beginning on Monday, November 16, 2009:

- **All individuals up to but not including 65 years of age with a chronic medical illness (diabetes, cardiac disease, blood disorders, bowel disease, etc.).**
- **All individuals currently receiving hemodialysis, regardless of age.**

Unadjuvanted vaccine will be offered at mass immunization clinics once the adjuvanted vaccine is no longer available. If individuals choose not to accept the unadjuvanted vaccine at that time, they will be given the first opportunity to receive the adjuvanted vaccine once the next shipment is received.

Please note that anyone fitting the criteria for previously announced high-risk groups as listed below that have not yet been vaccinated, may also attend upcoming mass immunization clinics listed in this news release:

- People five years of age up to but not including 65 years of age with chronic medical illness such as: diabetes, cardiac disease, blood disorders, bowel diseases; and, chronic respiratory conditions such as: asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or cystic fibrosis.
- Individuals under 65 years of age with compromised respiratory function due to a physical, neurological or muscular disorder [e.g. ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Spina Bifida, Muscular Dystrophy, quadriplegia, paraplegia].
- All individuals currently receiving hemodialysis, regardless of age.
- Pregnant women.
- Children six months of age, up to and including grade six (grades four to six will be vaccinated in school on Tuesday, November 17, 2009).
- Parents or other primary care providers (up to two per child) of children under the age of six months and of immunocompromised individuals (up to and including 24 years of age) who cannot themselves be vaccinated.
- Individuals undergoing active cancer treatment (chemotherapy or radiation).

- Pre-transplant patients on a wait list.
- Post-transplant patients.
- Hospital in-patients less than 65 years of age with one or more chronic health conditions.

The restricted criteria apply to mass immunization clinics in all regions of the province and will be strictly enforced.

Please note, as per previous announcements, in the central region **school-aged children (grades four to six) will be immunized in school on Tuesday, November 17, 2009** as per the arrangements to be made by the Nova Central School District.

Any person meeting any of the criteria listed above can attend the following mass immunization clinics:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monday, November 16 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. AND Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Gander	Pentecostal Church 59 Elizabeth Drive <b>on Monday, November 16</b> AND Gander Academy <b>on Tuesday, November 17</b>
Monday, November 16 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. AND Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Grand Falls-Windsor	Beaumont Armory 1A Memorial Ave <b>on Monday, November 16</b> AND Millcrest Academy <b>on Tuesday, November 17</b>
Monday, November 16 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. AND Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Springdale	Indian River High School Grant Ave. <b>on Monday, November 16</b> AND Indian River Academy <b>on Tuesday, November 17</b>
Monday, November 16 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. AND Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	New-Wes-Valley	Grace Pentecostal Church, Valleyfield <b>on Monday, November 16</b> AND Memorial Academy (Wesleyville) <b>on Tuesday, November 17</b>
Monday, November 16 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. AND Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Harbour Breton	LOL Lodge <b>on Monday, November 16</b> AND St. Joseph's Academy <b>on Tuesday, November 17</b>
Tuesday, November 17	Botwood	Memorial Academy

3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.		
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Baie Verte	Baie Verte Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Fogo Island	Fogo Island Central Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Buchans	Lakeside Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Lewisporte	Lewisporte Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Milltown	Bay d'Espoir Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Robert's Arm	Green Bay South Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Summerford	New World Island Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Wing's Point	Riverwood Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Carmanville	Pheonix Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Dover	William Mercer Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Gambo	Smallwood Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	English Harbour West	Fitzgerald Academy
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Twillingate	Central United Church
Tuesday, November 17 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Glovertown	Glovertown Academy

This schedule, and any changes to it, will be available on Central Health's website at [www.centralhealth.nl.ca](http://www.centralhealth.nl.ca)

Members of the public are reminded that they need to bring their MCP card with them to register at mass immunization clinics. Also, children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who can sign a legal consent form for them to receive the H1N1 vaccine.

For further information, please contact the Central Health Pandemic Information Line at 1-877-311-2613.

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