



News Release

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Priority groups expanded for H1N1 vaccine on November 3, 2009

Central Health wishes to advise the public that the priority groups to receive the H1N1 vaccine will be further expanded **effective Thursday, November 5, 2009**.

The following groups will be added to the priority list for H1N1 vaccination beginning on Thursday, November 5. These new groups include:

- **Hospital in-patients less than 65 years of age with one or more chronic health conditions.**
- **School-aged children from Kindergarten to Grade Three (to be immunized at school as per arrangements made by Nova Central School District).**
- **Individuals between the ages of 25 and up to the 40th birthday with chronic respiratory disease such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or cystic fibrosis.**
 - *People will need to show proof that they are actively being treated for the disease. Examples of proof include prescription, labelled medication, insurance forms, etc.).*
- **Individuals undergoing active cancer treatment** (chemotherapy or radiation).
- **Transplant patients, including:**
 - **Those on a waitlist who have been directed by their physician to receive the vaccine.**
 - **Those who have had a transplant in the last two years.**

Please note that anyone fitting the criteria for high-risk groups that were previously announced that have not yet been vaccinated, may also come to the mass immunization clinics listed below. That list of previously announced criteria includes:

- Children six months up to fifty-nine months of age.
- People five years of age up to and including 24 years of age with chronic conditions.
- Pregnant women.
- Parents or other primary care providers (up to two per child) of children under the age of six months.
- Parents or other primary care providers of immunocompromised children and young adults (up to and including 24 years of age) who cannot themselves be vaccinated.

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

Central Health would like to reiterate that school-aged children (Kindergarten to Grade Three) will be immunized in school on Thursday and Friday of this week as per the arrangements made by the Nova Central School District.

All other high risk groups meeting the criteria can present at the following mass immunization clinics to be held between **3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009 and Friday November 6, 2009** at the following locations:

Date	Location
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Baie Verte Academy Baie Verte
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Indian River Academy Springdale
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Green Bay South Academy Robert's Arm
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Woodland Primary Grand Falls-Windsor
Friday, November 6, 2009	Sprucewood Academy Grand Falls-Windsor
Friday, November 6, 2009	Helen Tulk Elementary Bishop's Falls
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Memorial Academy Botwood
Friday, November 6, 2009	Lewisporte Academy Lewisporte
Friday, November 6, 2009	Central United Church Twillingate
Thursday, November 5, 2009	New World Island Academy Summerford
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Fogo Island Central Academy
Friday, November 6, 2009	Fitzgerald Academy English Harbour West

Thursday, November 5, 2009	St. Joseph's Elementary Harbour Breton
Friday, November 6, 2009	Bay d'Espoir Academy Milltown
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Smallwood Academy Gambo
Friday, November 6, 2009	Glovertown Academy Glovertown
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Gander Academy Gander
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Phoenix Academy Carmenville
Friday, November 6, 2009	Memorial Academy New-Wes-Valley
Friday, November 6, 2009	William Mercer Academy Dover
Friday, November 6, 2009	Riverwood Academy Gander Bay