



Media Advisory

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** Please note the following information was provided in a news release from the Department of Health and Community Services today.*

Update on H1N1 Mass Immunization Clinics

The Honourable Jerome Kennedy, Minister of Health and Community Services, today provided an update on the status of H1N1 mass immunization clinics throughout the province in light of changes to the high risk groups identified yesterday.

The Provincial Government announced yesterday that, due to a reduced amount of vaccine available to the province by the Federal Government in the coming week, H1N1 vaccinations would be limited to the following high-risk groups:

- Children six months up to 59 months (up to fifth birthday)
- People five years of age up to and including 24 years of age with chronic conditions
- Pregnant women in the second half of their pregnancy (20 to 40 weeks)

"I am pleased to advise that immunization clinics throughout the province have been running smoothly today and that those identified in the high risk groups yesterday are in fact receiving the vaccine," said Minister Kennedy. "We have had no major issues today and thank the public for their cooperation in ensuring that our limited vaccine supply is being utilized by those who need it most."

Minister Kennedy advised that the province still has a vaccine supply and that clinics will continue tomorrow. Again, H1N1 vaccination will be limited to the high-risk groups listed above and will be strictly enforced.

Information regarding clinic times and locations is available on Regional Health Authorities' websites.