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PRHA prepares for H1N1 Flu Shot campaign

Dauphin- The Parkland Regional Health Authority (PRHA) is preparing to launch its largest vaccination campaign ever in the hopes of immunizing thousands of Parkland residents against the H1N1 flu strain. Specific dates, times and locations for H1N1 flu shot clinics, over the next two weeks, have now been finalized. As further vaccine distribution information becomes available, additional clinics will be scheduled and advertised throughout the month of November.

Dr. Jan Roberts, acting Medical Officer of Health for Parkland Region, says it's important to note that the first part of the immunization campaign being announced today is for people who meet current eligibility criteria in terms of receiving the H1N1 flu vaccine 'now'.

"The Province has released its priority population groups for the H1N1 influenza vaccine. During this first phase of immunizations, the recommendations support the need to immunize at-risk individuals and those who would benefit the most from receiving the H1N1 flu shot now," stated Roberts.

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People for whom the H1N1 flu vaccine is recommended now include:

- Children aged six months to under five years old;
- Anyone of Aboriginal ancestry (First Nations, Metis, or Inuit).
- People under 65 years with chronic illnesses or other risk conditions including severe obesity, substance abuse, or alcoholism.
- Anyone with a weakened immune system or those who live with or care for them;
- People living in remote or isolated areas;
- Disadvantaged individuals (for example homeless);
- Those who live with or care for infants under six months old;
- Single parents or anyone solely responsible for a dependent;
- Health care workers and medical first responders.

Pregnant women should also get the shot as soon as possible. In November, an unadjuvanted shot for pregnant women will be available. If you are pregnant, you can wait until that shot arrives or you can talk to your health care provider now about the possibility of getting an earlier shot.

Clinic locations, dates and times (from October 27-November 6th) are posted on the PRHA website at www.prha.mb.ca. You can also call Health Links/Info Sante at 1-888-315-9257 if you have additional questions about flu shot campaigns or flu shots in general.

(H1N1 flu shot clinic listings, for the period of October 27- November 6 are attached.)



The Parkland Regional Health Authority (PRHA) is hosting a series of immunization clinics for the H1N1 Flu strain. H1N1 Flu shot clinics will begin across the Parkland Region on October 27th. Vaccine will arrive in stages and the early clinics will be for Manitobans who should get the H1N1 Flu Shot first.
(See priority group listing in media release or go to Manitoba Health website- www.gov.mb.ca/health)

Week of October 26th-October 30th

**Wuskwi Sipiik
First Nation-**

Tuesday, October 27th
Location: Health Office
Time: 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.

***Skownan
First Nation-**

Tuesday, October 27th
Location: Skownan School Gym
Time: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
**Waterhen, Mallard, and Rock Ridge residents are invited to attend.*

**Sapotaweyak
First Nation-**

Tuesday, October 27th
Location: Sapotaweyak Health Centre
Time: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
**Pelican Rapids residents are invited to attend.*

***O-Chi-Chak-
Ko-Sipi First Nation-**

Thursday, October 29th
Location: School Gym
Time: 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.
**Crane River residents are invited to attend.*

Swan River-

Thursday, October 29th
Location: Veteran's Community Hall
Time: 10 a.m.-7. p.m

Dauphin-

Thursday, October 29th
Location: 8th Avenue Hall
Time: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Waterhen-

Wednesday, October 28th
Location: Community Hall
Time:10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Week of November 2nd-November 6th

**Valley River
First Nation-**

Monday, November 2nd
Location: Valley River School
Time: 10 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Ste. Rose-

Monday, November 2nd
Location: Ste. Rose Community Centre
Time: 10 a.m- 7 pm

Winnipegosis-

Monday, November 2nd
Location: Winnipegosis New Horizons Centre
Time: 11 a.m. -6 p.m.

***Pine Creek
First Nation-**

Tuesday, November 3rd
Location: Minegoziibe School Gym
Time: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
**Duck Bay and Camperville residents
are invited to attend.*

Roblin-

Tuesday, November 3rd
Location: Roblin Community Centre
Time: 10 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Barrows-

Tuesday, November 3rd
Location: Barrows Administration Building
Time: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

***Pine Creek
First Nation-**

Wednesday, November 4th
Location: Minegoziibe School Gym
Time: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
**Duck Bay and Camperville residents
are invited to attend.*

McCreary-

Wednesday, November 4th
Location: McCreary Community Centre
Time: Noon- 6 p.m.

***Ebb and Flow
First Nation**

Thursday, November 5th
Location: Community Hall
Time: 10 a.m.- 8:30 p.m.
**Bacon Ridge residents are invited to attend.*

Grandview-

Thursday, November 5th
Location: Grandview Drop-In Centre
Time: 10 a.m.- 7 p.m.

***Ebb and Flow
First Nation-**

Friday, November 6th
Location: Community Hall
Time: 10 a.m.- 8:30 p.m.
**Bacon Ridge residents are invited to attend.*

Camperville-

Thursday, November 5th.
Location: Community Hall
Time: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

***Additional clinic locations, times and dates will be advertised and posted within coming weeks.**