

To: All students, staff, faculty  
From: Health Sciences Committee on Emergency Preparedness (HSCEP) co:  
chairs, Dr Sarita Verma and Dr Andrea Sass-Kortsak  
Date: Oct. 29, 2009  
Re: H1N1 vaccination update: Please note the following important message  
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The H1N1 vaccine is now available and will be shortly accessible for free to the public.

All staff, faculty and students are ***strongly encouraged*** to be vaccinated to protect yourself, your family and your patients.

Where you are also a Hospital employee (such as Research Fellows, Residents and Clinical Faculty) you must abide by Hospital policy with respect to vaccination .

For Health Professional Students, all Toronto Academic Hospitals have assured us that they will provide vaccinations to students in clinical placements at their sites.

For all other faculty, staff and students your earliest and primary access to vaccine is at the mass public vaccination clinics as outlined below.

#### **Toronto Public Health**

Toronto Public Health begins vaccinations on October 29,2009.

For more information about the location and hours of operation of City clinics, visit:

<http://www.toronto.ca/health/cdc/h1n1/clinics.htm>

#### **Peel Public Health Clinics**

Peel Public Health begins vaccinations on October 28th. For more information about the location and hours of operation of Peel Region clinics, visit:

<http://www.peelregion.ca/health/topics/commndisease/h1n1-clinic-sched.htm>

#### **University of Toronto Clinics**

#### **STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS**

Toronto & Peel Public Health have agreed to supply vaccine to Student Health Services at the University of Toronto for students. The vaccine is free, you will require a student card to receive the vaccine at a University of Toronto vaccine clinic.

We expect to receive the vaccine in the near future. As soon as we finalize plans with the Public Health authorities we will communicate the details of the U of T clinics at

[www.preparedness.utoronto.ca](http://www.preparedness.utoronto.ca)

However, we encourage students – especially those who are in clinical settings – to visit one of the public health mass vaccination clinics before that time.

#### **FACULTY and STAFF**

Public Health authorities have determined that they will not distribute H1N1 vaccine to employers for their employees due to the existence of the mass vaccination clinics.

Therefore, we encourage faculty and staff to visit one of the public health clinics. Some family physicians may also have H1N1 vaccine available.

General information about the H1N1 vaccine is available here:

What you need to know before receiving the H1N1 Flu Vaccine

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/h1n1/vacc/know-savoir-eng.php>