

Date: November 19, 2009

To: Schools

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RE: Reminder of Importance to Immunization

As Alberta Health Services continues to offer H1N1 vaccine to target groups across the province, school communities are reminded of the importance of immunization. Vaccination is the very best way to prevent influenza.

Experts predict a third wave of H1N1 will arrive early in the new year. All parents, students and teachers should ensure they are protected by getting immunized as quickly as possible.

Beginning Friday, November 20th the criteria for receiving vaccine will be expanded to include:

- **Children under 18 years of age as of November 1**
Proof of age required.
- **Immediate family members and caregivers living in the same household as a child under 18 years of age as of November 1**
Family members are eligible regardless of their own age.

We are asking for the schools assistance in circulating local clinic information to all families and encouraging immunization as the best way to protect against H1N1

Attached is the most current list of clinic dates and times. Please visit www.albertahealthservices.ca for more information on eligibility and locations across Alberta.

Friday, November 20 th		
1 – 4 p.m.	Medicine Hat	Higdon Hall, Stampede Grounds
1 – 4 p.m.	Lethbridge	West Pavilion Exhibition Grounds
1 – 4 p.m.	Milk River	Milk River Civic Centre
1 – 4 p.m.	Bassano	Knox Presbyterian Church
Saturday, November 21 st		
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Medicine Hat	Higdon Hall, Stampede Grounds
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Lethbridge	West Pavilion Exhibition Grounds
Monday, November 23 rd		
1 – 7 p.m.	Medicine Hat	Grandstand Banquet Room Stampede Grounds
1 – 7 p.m.	Lethbridge	West Pavilion Exhibition Grounds
1 – 6 p.m.	Taber	Former Pharmasave Building
1 – 6 p.m.	Fort Macleod	Community Hall

Tuesday, November 24th		
1 – 6 p.m.	Medicine Hat	Grandstand Banquet Room Stampede Grounds
1 – 6 p.m.	Lethbridge	West Pavilion Exhibition Grounds
1 – 6 p.m.	Picture Butte	United Church
Wednesday, November 25th		
1 – 7 p.m.	Medicine Hat	Grandstand Banquet Room Stampede Grounds
1 – 7 p.m.	Lethbridge	West Pavilion Exhibition Grounds
1 – 6 p.m.	Bow Island	Provincial Building
1 – 6 p.m.	Pincher Creek	Ranchlands Mall
1 – 6 p.m.	Coaldale	Mennonite Brethren Church located at 2114 - 18th Street
1 – 6 p.m.	Oyen	Legion Hall
Thursday, November 26th		
2 – 8 p.m.	Medicine Hat	Grandstand Banquet Room Stampede Grounds
2 – 8 p.m.	Lethbridge	West Pavilion Exhibition Grounds
2 – 8 p.m.	Brooks	Leisure Centre Flex Hall
Friday, November 27th		
1 – 4 p.m.	Medicine Hat	Grandstand Banquet Room Stampede Grounds
1 – 4 p.m.	Lethbridge	West Pavilion Exhibition Grounds
1 – 4 p.m.	Cardston	East Alberta Stake Centre
1 – 4 p.m.	Raymond	Cultural Hall
Saturday, November 28th		
9 a.m. – noon	Medicine Hat	Grandstand Banquet Room Stampede Grounds
9 a.m. – noon	Lethbridge	West Pavilion Exhibition Grounds