

# Update on Community Pandemic Operations

Moose Factory

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**Issued By:** Moose Factory Public Health Centre  
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**Hospitalizations:** 3 people were hospitalized with ILI symptoms and 1 of them will be going home today.

**Patients with Flu-Like Symptoms seen at WGH Emerg on Friday Oct 30:** 32

**Number of Confirmed Cases to Date:** 15

**Pending (waiting for results from the lab):** 29

The numbers for the above are provided and confirmed by Weeneebayko General Hospital.

**Severity Level for the Community:** 'Moderate to Severe'

**H1N1 Flu Immunization Clinic:** Today (Saturday October 31: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) will be last day for the mass immunization clinics. Approximately 880 community members have been immunized over the past 3 days (Wed, Thurs & Fri). The Public Health Centre will continue to provide the H1N1 immunization on the following dates at the EPR Pandemic Control Centre:

- Tuesday November 3/09: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday November 5/09: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday November 6/09: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Again, we strongly encourage everyone that can get the H1N1 vaccine to get their needle as soon as possible. *The Vaccine along with health prevention practices is our best protection to control and contain the H1N1 Virus.*

**School Closures:** Ministik and DDECS staff are continuing to monitor the students health (flu) situation and overall community flu situation.

**Surveillance:** Based on the surveillance information coming in, the flu continues to take its course throughout our homes and community. Our Public Health Centre has increased their surveillance by communicating with the confirmed cases, school officials, WGH and community members to establish a baseline on how the flu is behaving in our community. Clients that have been swabbed and been confirmed with H1N1 are recovering however the trend seems to be that when one person in the home gets better, 1 or 2 other family member (s) contract the same virus. Normally, the vaccine takes 10 to 14 days to take effect and within the next week or two, we look forward to seeing noticeable health improvements throughout our community.

**Again, we need everyone to take this flu seriously and to do what you think will prevent it from advancing. We need everyone to cooperate and understand why decisions are made to prevent the spread of this deadly influenza. As most know by now, at the recommendation of the Community Emergency Pandemic Control Group, the Chief & Council of the Moose Cree First Nation made a decision to 'POSTPONE' today's Halloween event. This was not an easy decision to make but we feel strongly that this decision is in the best interest of everyone's health. We can have our Halloween later when this health crisis abates. We are also thinking of the large percentage of children who are ill and would like the opportunity to participate in Halloween too!**

**To operate an effective immunization clinic for our community we required approximately 25 staff for each clinic. When the call was made to the community for help with our clinics, we received a very good response. We take this opportunity to say "Thank You Very Much" to all those caring community members who responded to help our community during this difficult time.**

**At this time the Pandemic Control Centre will be closed on Sunday November 1/09.**

**If you need to speak with the Public Health Centre staff, please call the Pandemic Control Centre at 658 – 4100 or the Health Centre at 658 4220. For any other emergencies please call the Emergency Department.**

**Take care.**