

Update on Community Pandemic Operations

Moose Factory

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Confirmed H1N1 Cases: 22

Hospitalizations: 4 new for a total of 9

Patients Treated at WGH Emerg:7 new for a total of 85.

As directed by the provincial health authority, WGH has discontinued swabbing and testing all patients with flu-like symptoms. WGH will only swab and test patients that are hospitalized. As a result, our reporting of confirmed cases has become outdated as everyone being treated with Tamiflu are considered positive. In partnership with WGH, we are in the process of revising this section so that our statistics will be more accurate. We hope to have this section revised and updated early next week.

Severity Level for the Community: 'Moderate to Severe'

Local Schools: Ministik School reports 30% of their students have flu-like symptoms. DDECS reports 31% of their students with flu-like symptoms. MFACE reports 16% of their students with flu-like symptoms. **This translates to an overall 29% of the student population with flu-like symptoms.** The schools will be issuing public notices for their operations.

Community Flu Survey: We will survey the MCFN staff on Monday Nov 9 to get a sample of how much of our community is ill with flu-like symptoms. The survey results should provide our pandemic operations with some critical indicators. Depending on how this survey works, we hope to survey more of our community later next. More information will be provided early next week.

H1N1 Flu Immunization Clinic: Approximately 1080 (68% of our target) community members have now been vaccinated. The Public Health Centre and Moose Cree Education Authority will be developing a plan on how we can provide students attending school down south with the H1N1 vaccine. The H1N1 vaccine will continue to be available at the Health Centre. Public postings will be posted for future clinics.

If you need to speak with the Public Health Centre staff during the weekday, 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 at the Hospital.

Thank you.