



H1N1 Vaccine

WHO can get the H1N1 vaccine?

- All Manitobans over 6 months of age will benefit from this vaccine
- Priority will be given to those people residing in Churchill
- It's FREE

WHEN?

Walk-In Clinics

Mon/Tues/Wed	Oct 26, 27, 28	1- 6 pm
Mon/Tues/Wed	Nov 2, 3, 4	1- 6 pm

WHERE?

Churchill RHA Community Services

"Town Hall" Meeting

Information session for the public
Tues Oct 27, Town Theatre 7-8pm

**Protect yourself, protect your
family!
Get the shot, not the flu!**

I got my flu shot this year; will it protect me against the H1N1 flu?

No, the H1N1 flu is a new virus, it is unlikely that the seasonal flu shot will protect against this new H1N1 flu virus.

What is the H1N1 vaccine?

It is an inactivated (killed virus) vaccine that contains the pandemic H1N1 virus strain. It is different than the seasonal flu vaccine which contains other influenza virus strains.

Who should get this vaccine?

This vaccine will benefit everyone 6 months of age and older. This vaccine is not licensed for infants less than six months of age. This vaccine will be free of charge to every person residing in Manitoba who needs or wants it.

Will there be enough vaccine for everyone?

The vaccine will be arriving in shipments. There will be enough to vaccinate all residents of Churchill.

Who is in the First Priority Group to receive the vaccine?

Churchill is considered to be a remote and isolated community therefore everyone residing in Churchill is part of the First Priority Group.

Will I need one or two doses?

Age 10 and over will need one dose. Children age 6 months up to the age of 10 will need two doses that will be three weeks apart.

Can I get the seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 vaccine at the same time?

Yes you may receive both vaccines at the same time but in separate doses in separate arms.

How do we know the vaccine is safe?

Health Canada employs the most advanced science available to ensure the safety of vaccines. The usual precautions taken when giving any vaccine will be used to ensure the public's safety.

What are the adverse reactions to the vaccine?

There is always potential health risks associated with vaccinations. The most common side effects will be pain, swelling and redness at the injection site.

Will the H1N1 vaccine contain mercury?

The H1N1 influenza vaccine will contain a mercury-based preservative called thimerosal. Scientific evidence to date shows no link between thimerosal-containing vaccines and any adverse health conditions.

What is the difference between adjuvanted and unadjuvanted vaccine?

Adjuvanted vaccine has an additive to boost immunity and provide additional protection in case the virus mutates.

Unadjuvanted vaccine does not have this additive and will be used for pregnant women. It will not be available until early November. However if a woman is greater than 20 weeks she may receive the adjuvanted vaccine.