

## **Who is in the H1N1 Priority Group?** (as of November 9, 09)

### **The Current H1N1 Priority Group includes:**

- Seniors 65 years of age and older
- People less than 65 years of age with chronic medical conditions \* (see below for detailed list)
- Healthy children 6 months of age up to 19 years of age
- Health care providers \* (see below for detailed list)
- Pregnant women
- Women within six weeks post-partum (recently delivered a baby)
- Household contacts and care providers of persons at high risk who cannot be immunized or may not respond to vaccines (household contacts and care providers of infants less than 6 months of age and people who are immunocompromised)
- Police Officers
- Firefighters
- Paramedics

### **What is a chronic medical condition in people less than 65 years of age?**

- chronic respiratory disease, including asthma
- cardiac disease
- diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases
- cancer
- immunodeficiency or immunosuppression (due to underlying therapy and/or disease including HIV/AIDS)
- renal disease
- anemia or hemoglobinopathy
- morbid obesity
- children less than 18 years of age on long term aspirin therapy
- conditions that compromise the management of respiratory secretions and are associated with an increased risk of aspiration, such as neurologic conditions or cognitive disorders

### **Which health care providers should receive the vaccine when first available?**

Health care providers who should receive the vaccine when first available include the following:

- All staff members who work in the following locations:
  - hospitals
  - long term care facilities
  - community health care provider offices
  - Community Care Access Centres (CCAC)
  - contract nursing agencies
  - Emergency Medical Services
- Medical doctors and nurses
- Health care students with direct patient contact
- Pharmacists and pharmacy assistants
- Mental health workers
- Emergency personnel who respond to health emergencies
- Dentists and dental therapists