

November 13, 2009

Dear parent/guardian :

The Public Health Agency of Canada has issued a revised recommendation for H1N1 Flu Vaccine Dosing Recommendations for children.

The current dosing recommendation for Adjuvanted Vaccine is as follows:

Category	Dosing Recommendation
Age 0-5 months	H1N1 flu vaccine not authorized to use
Age over 6months and less than 3 years	2 half-doses of adjuvanted vaccine. There should be a minimum of 21 days between the 2 half-doses
Age 3 to 9 years of age <i>Healthy Children</i>	1 half-dose adjuvanted vaccine, for now**
Age 3 to 9 years – <i>Children with chronic medical conditions</i>	2 half-doses of adjuvanted vaccine There should be a minimum of 21 days between the 2 half-doses.
Age 10 years + (including 65+)	1 dose adjuvanted vaccine

Source: Public Health Agency of Canada – H1N1 Flu Vaccine: Dosing Recommendations (November 2009)

<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/alert-alerte/h1n1/vacc/recommendation-recommandation-eng.php>

We will therefore not be returning to the schools to administer the second dose of adjuvanted vaccine for schoolchildren under 10 years of age. If your child (<10 years of age) has an underlying medical condition such as:

- cardiac or pulmonary disorders (including bronchopulmonary dysplasia, cystic fibrosis and asthma);
- diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases;
- cancer, immunodeficiency, immunosuppression (due to underlying disease and/or therapy);
- renal disease;
- anemia or hemoglobinopathy;
- conditions that compromise the management of respiratory secretions and are associated with an increased risk of aspiration; or
- children and adolescents with conditions treated for long periods with acetylsalicylic acid.

please call us at 778-6102 to make an appointment for his/her second dose.

Sincerely,

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