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## Physician Memo Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

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**Date:** October 14, 2009  
**To:** All Alberta Physicians  
**From:** Dr. David Megran, Senior Physician Executive  
**Re:** Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Physician Information Available Online and Physician Registration Link

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Alberta Health Services (AHS) has established an online one-stop resource for physicians and health professionals to access information related to the AHS response to Pandemic (H1N1) 2009. Physicians are encouraged to visit the Alberta Health Services website regularly for reliable, up-to-date information and credible resource links. The address is:

[www.albertahealthservices.ca/660.asp](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/660.asp)

A Coordination Centre has been established to assist in addressing H1N1 response issues in a timely manner. The Centre can be reached toll free at **1-877-228-3031**, or by e-mail at [racc.operations@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:racc.operations@albertahealthservices.ca). The hours of operation are 8 - 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. You may also contact your local Medical Officer of Health or Zone Medical Director for H1N1 related issues.

AHS has also launched the **H1N1 Physician Link** to allow physicians to register their participation in the AHS Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 response. This participation could be by continuing with regular clinical activities for as long as possible and/or by working in alternate care centres (i.e. Influenza Assessment Centres) if the centres are required to manage high volumes of patients with influenza-like illness (ILI). By registering on the site physicians will be able to:

- identify that they are participating in the AHS plan and consequently be eligible for special payment programs that Alberta Health and Wellness (AHW) may implement.
- register their willingness to work in new initiatives such as Influenza Assessment Centres and tell AHS how to contact them to schedule specific shifts as well as what their shift scheduling preferences are (Bulletin regarding Influenza Assessment Centres is attached).
- self-report inability to work due to personal H1N1 illness to assist AHS in assessing the status of the physician workforce across the province.
- direct urgent H1N1 communication updates from AHS to a specific fax number and/or email address according to personal preferences.

**To get to the H1N1 Physician Link, follow the physician portal link from the main Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 information page described above.** To register, you will need to enter your CPSA registration number and name exactly as it is printed on your CPSA registration card. Once registered, you will be able to log in when it is convenient for you to update any information which may change. If you have difficulty registering or if you do not have access to the internet, please call **780-735-0719** or send an email to [physician.info@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:physician.info@albertahealthservices.ca) for assistance.

In order to streamline communication and be as prepared as possible, it is important that all physicians register with the H1N1 Physician Link and keep their information up to date.

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