



**Health and Healthy Living**

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Dear Colleague:

Manitoba Health and Healthy Living is reporting a surge in the number of confirmed cases of novel A/H1N1 influenza as well as of cases of severe respiratory illness requiring intensive care.

Clinicians are reminded to follow the guidelines posted on the Manitoba Health and Healthy Living website, <http://www.gov.mb.ca/flu/index.html> and to check the website regularly for updates to clinical care guideline, infection prevention and control guidelines, reporting processes and other important practice information. Novel A/H1N1 influenza clinical care management recommendations including testing and antiviral use may change as further information about the clinical spectrum of illness, knowledge of risk factors and antiviral susceptibilities become available.

**Updates to the Manitoba Guidelines for Novel A/H1N1 influenza**

Please be advised that the following will be posted today:

- Manitoba Interim Guidance for Clinicians in Ambulatory Care Settings: Novel Influenza A (H1N1)
- Severe Respiratory Illness/Novel Influenza A H1N1 Case Report Form
- Manitoba Self Care of Influenza Fact Sheet

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/flu/index.html>

Please take steps to ensure this information is shared widely with all appropriate staff in your facility/region.

Sincerely,

*"Original signed by Joel Kettner"*

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