

# Priority Groups in Manitoba (Note 1)

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## Priority Group #1 (Note 2)

**These individuals would include all of the following (not ranked in order):**

- Persons with chronic conditions under the age of 65 years from the 2008-09 Seasonal Influenza NACI list (Note 3) and other conditions including severe obesity, substance abuse, and alcoholism.
- Pregnant women
- Children 6 months to < 5 years
- Persons residing in remote and isolated settings or communities
- Aboriginal ancestry (First Nations, Metis, Inuit)
- Disadvantaged individuals (homeless, etc.)
- Persons who are immuno-compromised
- Household contacts and care providers of:
  - Infants < 6 months
  - Persons who are immuno-compromised
- Health care workers and Medical First Responders (air/land ambulance and paramedics)
- Single parents and sole caregivers of dependent individuals

## Priority Group #2 (Note 2)

- Critical infrastructure workers (i.e. those who perform critical societal functions to meet the necessities of life and have limited people to replace them when they are ill)
- Persons who work directly with swine and poultry

## Priority Group #3 (Note 2)

All other Manitobans who need or want the vaccine that would benefit from vaccination.

### Notes:

- (1) This list was developed in consideration of the national guidelines and their application to Manitoba specific needs, specific Manitoba epidemiological analysis of the first wave of pandemic H1N1 in Manitoba, and with input from appropriate stakeholders.
- (2) Each regional health authority will vaccinate individuals based on these priorities while taking into account their own unique operational logistics such as availability of vaccine supply at the time, health human resources capacity, demographics, epidemiology, needs, and geographic/travel constraints.
- (3) 2008-09 National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) list of individuals at high risk of influenza related complications: adults (including pregnant women) and children with the following chronic health conditions: cardiac or pulmonary disorders; 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.