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**For the Attention of
Hospital CEOs, OHA Board of Directors, Infection Prevention
and Control Leads, Occupational Health and Safety leads,
Joint Health and Safety Committee, CACN, Chief HR Officers,
Emergency Department Managers, Emergency Preparedness
and Pandemic Planning Leads**

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UPDATE pH1N1 Influenza A

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has released a new pH1N1 Important Health Notice (IHN) that:

- a) outlines information on accessing and managing the provincial stockpile of supplies and equipment;
- b) encourages health care providers to use discretion when accessing the stockpile to ensure that supplies remain available for those who need them most; and
- c) provides instructions for supplies at or near expiry in Emergency Infection Control Kits.

Some useful links for health care providers include:

- **October 22nd IHN**
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/emu/health_notices/ihn_20091022.pdf
- **Health Emergency Stockpiling Program for the Health and Broader Public Sector**
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/emu/bps/bps_mn.html
- **National Policy Recommendations on the Use of Antivirals for Prevention during an Influenza Pandemic:**
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/emu/pub/pan_flu/AvPx_webposting_04_20080819.pdf

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