

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Public Health Advisory

November 12, 2009 (12:00pm mst) – The Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO), would like to update NWT residents with vaccination uptake numbers for the NWT and number of hospitalizations to date.

Vaccinations are almost complete for all communities in the NWT. To date 22,000 people have been vaccinated in the NWT

The H1N1 flu virus has spread to 26 of 33 NWT communities and is the dominant flu strain in the NWT at this time.

The Chief Public Health Officer would like to remind residents of the NWT that they can help stop the spread of influenza by washing their hands with soap and warm water, staying home if you feel sick, cover your mouth and nose when cough or sneeze, cleaning surfaces that may harbor influenza or other viruses.

For additional information on H1N1 influenza residents can call the Tele-Care Health Line at 1-888-255-1010 or the NWT's Influenza Information Line at 1-888-920-3026. The Chief Public Health officer recommends calling these lines before visiting your local health centre.

For more information on the H1N1 influenza please visit the Department of Health and Social Service website at www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca

Media are invited to a News Conference

November 13, 2009 11:00am

Centre Square 6th floor

Out of town media can call 1-800-303-7189 Pass code 9994199

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