



WEST PARK HEALTHCARE CENTRE

REHABILITATION, COMPLEX CONTINUING AND LONG-TERM CARE

INFLUENZA COMMUNIQUE # 24

TO: All Staff, Physicians, Volunteers, and Students
FROM: Donna Renzetti, Vice President, Programs
Dr. Monica Avendaño, Chair, Infection Control Committee
RE: West Park Healthcare Centre H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Campaign
DATE: December 1, 2009

Now, as West Park Healthcare Centre finishes its H1N1 influenza vaccination campaign, we are pleased to report that 65% of West Park staff has received their vaccine.

Even though the official campaign is over, we continue to strongly encourage all healthcare workers that have not been vaccinated to get the vaccine to protect themselves, their family, their co-workers and West Park's patients.

The H1N1 influenza virus is still circulating in the community and the vaccination remains the most effective way to reduce transmission.

It's easy to get the shot, just call the Occupational Health and Safety office at ext. 2005 to arrange an appointment.

We have just completed the final week of a contest with weekly prizes for those who are vaccinated – or those who are unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons – with weekly draws and a grand prize of two-days paid leave.

The Week 4 and Grand Prize winners are:

- **Week 4 – Blessing Okojie, RPN, CAVC, (\$25 gift certificate from Chapters/Indigo);**
– Joginder Khamba, RN, Amp. Rehab. (\$50 gift certificate from Canadian Tire);
- **Second Prize Winner – Dianne Cicchelli, Secretary, Assessment Centre (One Day Paid Leave);**
- **Grand Prize Winner – Andrew Cheng, Respiratory Therapist, CAVC (Two Days Paid Leave);**

Additional information on the H1N1 flu and the vaccine is available on West Park's intranet or check the bulletin board at the main-level east elevators.

All West Park staff, physicians, volunteers and students should continue to self-monitor for symptoms of influenza-like illness and conduct proper hand hygiene by cleaning your hands often.

IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL – please stay home and if necessary seek medical attention from your family physician.

If you have any questions or comment, please email us at flu_outbreak@westpark.org. Your questions and feedback will help us develop content for further regular communication.