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Important information about H1N1 flu

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provides guidance to the health care sector in the management of infectious disease outbreak.

On behalf of its members, the OCA has posted on its website information that the Ministry has made available for health care providers. The OCA continues to monitor the communications from the Ministry and will advise members of any changes in the recommendations on H1N1 for health care professionals.

The Ministry recommends health care providers perform hand hygiene and wear appropriate personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves, gown, eye protection, fit-tested N95 respirator) when conducting clinical assessments. Although N95 respirators are not routinely recommended for seasonal influenza, because pH1N1 is a novel influenza virus the broadest level of precautionary measures are being recommended.

Surgical masks should be provided for patients who present with ILI.

Below are current guidelines for management of patients with influenza-like illness (ILI) in ambulatory care settings. Ambulatory care settings include, but are not limited to, primary care services (e.g., physician and nurse practitioner practices, family health teams, community health centres, and other primary care agencies), diagnostic imaging and lab collection services, and allied health professional services.