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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: ALL MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH**

**RE: Ontario's 2009-2010 Influenza Immunization Program – Physician Reporting Requirements**

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The joint mass vaccination campaign with primary care physicians, public health units, and the health care sector has been a tremendous undertaking and an excellent example of effective partnerships in this phase of the pandemic H1N1 response.

As you are aware, the H1N1 vaccination program is being expanded to the general public. With this expansion, physicians are no longer required to submit H1N1 Vaccine Delivery Agent (VDA) Reporting Forms to their local health unit. However, physicians are asked to complete the forms up to and including November 21, 2009.

Physicians must continue to report adverse events directly to local medical officers of health, as per Ontario's *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

As of November 22, 2009, physicians are requested to report back regularly to their local health unit on the number of H1N1 vaccinations administered. The attached form is provided for your consideration but we leave it to your discretion to decide how to best implement this with the physicians in your respective jurisdictions. Health units are asked to forward the information received from physicians to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through the daily H1N1 Health Unit Immunization Cumulative Report.

The detailed information collected to date by physicians has been a valuable contribution to provincial and national immunization coverage estimates and to the post marketing surveillance of the new vaccines. Continued reporting of essential information will further inform the province's analysis of the overall effectiveness of Ontario's 2009-2010 Influenza Program.

On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, I would like to thank all the physicians in your respective jurisdictions for their contribution to this year's program and look forward to their continuing support and involvement as we roll out this next phase.

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Attachment