

FALL 2009 INFLUENZA + H1N1 PLANNING

Key messages:

- We will monitor for recommendations from our Health Authority
- We will continue to practice standard procedures around protecting oneself and others from influenza (see two hand outs – Protect Yourself and Others from Influenza)
- We will purchase alcohol-based hand rubs, Kleenex and GermAway (for use on hard surfaces) and equip the First Aid Room with surgical masks for staff who care for persons exhibiting flu-like symptoms
- We will educate staff who work with vulnerable populations on how to care for themselves and others, and what the symptoms of influenza-like illnesses are.

PROJECT	ASSIGNED TO	STATUS	NOTES
Order Kleenex, GermAway and alcohol-based hand rubs (min. 60% alcohol), surgical masks. Store in First Aid Room			
Print signage from Ministry of Health, laminate and post in washrooms and staff areas			
Get signage from VCHA re: alcohol-based hand rubs and children			
Put information in staff newsletter re: key messages on general flu protection and how to identify influenza like symptoms			
Review CDC document and implement practices as they relate to day camps and overnight camps			
Day camp staff training based on CDC document recommendations			
Post "Protect Yourself" posters throughout the Community Centre in public and staff-only spaces			
Inserted "Protect Yourself" double-sided fact sheet in Society staff payroll			
Red Cross Family Preparedness fact sheet sent to staff by email			
Child Care Supervisors email re: Vancouver Sun Article			
Back to school letter to parents for children in licensed child care with links to pertinent websites			
Discussion with Duncan Robertson about increasing attention to "high touch" areas and increasing frequency of cleaning			
WO to install alcohol-based foam hand rubs in child care, seniors, and kitchen spaces			
Ministry of Health document on how to look after yourself and the people you care for sent to all staff by email			

Other ideas we're following:

- Public campaign on a bulletin board
- Establishing a schedule for extra cleaning of high touch areas
- Notice at front door
- Letter to leisure program participants
- Letter to leisure program staff
- Discussion about non-punitive sick time

BCRPA has compiled a list of resources based upon the references above:

- [Signage on hand washing from BC Government](#)
- [Key messages from the Ministry of Health on general flu protection for employees](#)
- [Factsheet "If you think you have H1N1" from the Ministry of Health](#)
- [Posters, radio ads and more from the Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
- [Family Preparedness Fact Sheet from the Canadian Red Cross](#)
- [Pandemic flu toolkit from the Canadian Public Health Association](#)
- [Pamphlet "Look after yourself and the people you care for" from Vancouver Coastal Health](#)