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MEMORANDUM TO: Pharmacists/Pharmacies

RE: Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Review

On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance during the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (pH1N1) response. Your professionalism, contributions, and commitment are recognized and appreciated.

While the MOHLTC continues to monitor influenza activity, we also recognize the need to review the provincial pH1N1 response to identify lessons learned and corrective actions in order to improve our response to future emergencies. To that end, the MOHLTC is undertaking the pH1N1 Review, which includes consultation with internal, health sector and non-health sector stakeholders, as well as with the public. As part of this process, we are inviting your pharmacy to complete a survey on the MOHLTC's pH1N1 antiviral strategy by visiting the following link: www.mohltc.ca/antiviral_strategy_survey.htm.

Please submit one survey, representative of the views of all staff at your pharmacy in the pH1N1 response. The information that you provide will be used by the MOHLTC and the Ontario Internal Audit Division of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Government Services to inform future public and internal reports and briefing materials. No identifying information will be used or disclosed and comments will only be shared in an anonymous and collective manner.

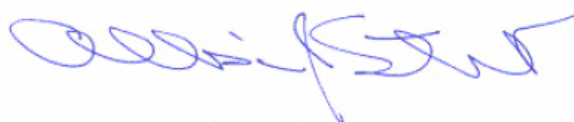
The MOHLTC will be providing direction on what to do with the remaining stock of provincial antivirals in pharmacies that has not yet been used in the near future.

Please submit the completed survey by Friday, April 9, 2010. If you have any questions or comments about the survey or the potential uses of the information being collected, contact Justine Hartley by phone at (416) 212-3139 or by email at justine.hartley@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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