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# POLICY PAN-11: Pandemic Influenza Vaccination – Medical Directive for Residents and/or Staff

#### Infection Control

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## **Policy**

Voluntary Immunization at Norview Lodge to any Residents and/or staff requesting the Pandemic Influenza vaccine. Immunization to service providers or volunteers will be based on directives as obtained from the Ministry of Health.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Written consent must be obtained.
- 2. Under Aseptic technique inject 0.5 ml of Influenza Vaccine Intramuscular (Post 1/3 of deltoid is the area of least discomfort)
- 3. Medical observation for 10-15 minutes.
- 4. Consent will serve as documentation for receiving Influenza vaccine. This is kept on file in the Influenza file with Infection Control Resident Care Coordinator and/or designate.

### **Proposed Standing Order for: Treatment for Anaphylactic Shock**

- 1. Call 911.
- 2. Place Resident/ Staff in recumbent position with lower limbs elevated.
- 3. Place tourniquet (when possible) above vaccination site, releasing for 1 minute every 3 minutes.
- Administer 0.01 mg/kg (maximum 0.5ml) of epinephrine 1:1000 s.c. or i.m. in opposite limb. Does can be repeated twice at 20 minute intervals, or at shorter intervals if severe reaction.
- 5. If vaccine inject s.c., an additional doe of 0.006 mg.kg (maximum 0.2 ml) of epinephrine can be administered in vaccination site. Contraindicated for i.m. vaccination sites.
- 6. Establish an oral airway if necessary.
- 7. Nurse to record vital signs and give information to ambulance personnel.

Note: Algorithm based on H-N Health Unit Recommendations

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