

H1N1 in Canada – Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. Does the Government of Canada expect to see more cases of H1N1 Flu Virus in Canada? Or a Second Wave of Illness?

We fully expect that new cases will continue to be identified. Although some cases have been severe, including some deaths, most of the cases continue to be mild. We continue to work with our international partners to learn more about this virus and to prepare for additional waves of illness and/or changes to the nature of the virus.

Q2. I understand Canada has experienced deaths related to the H1N1 virus. Does this mean the virus has grown in strength?

There is no evidence to suggest that the virus has become stronger.

It is important to realize that different strains of influenza result in about 4,000 Canadian deaths a year. We must take all influenza – not just the current strain – seriously, and take measures to protect ourselves

Q3. How many people in Canada have died from H1N1 Flu Virus?

[Reports of H1N1 Flu Virus Deaths in Canada](#)

Q4. Why are only the number of deaths reported and not the numbers of cases of illness?

At first, it was important to understand how the virus was spreading, and what kind of illness it was causing. This is why we did individual testing to laboratory-confirm cases of H1N1 Flu Virus. We know now that the virus has spread to all provinces and territories and is spreading like regular seasonal flu.

Source: Public Health Agency of Canada, 2009.

Additional Resources:

World Health Organization Timeline Map of Geographic Spread of Influenza:

http://gamapserver.who.int/h1n1/geographic-spread/h1n1_geographic-spread.html