

Antivirals - Update

Distribution Changes

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BC Centre for Disease Control Distribution Changes

Given the recent downward trend in the incidence of H1N1 in B.C., the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) will re-distribute the inventory of the provincial pandemic supply in community pharmacies beginning **November 30, 2009**.

Currently:

- The maximum amount shipped per order has been reduced to:

30 mg	5 courses of treatment shipped per order
45 mg	5 courses of treatment shipped per order
75 mg	20 courses of treatment shipped per order

- This ensures pharmacies have sufficient supply to meet community needs while decreasing excess inventory.

Re-distribution beginning November 30, 2009:

- The BCCDC will begin re-distributing the antivirals already in B.C. pharmacies.
- The BCCDC will telephone pharmacies that are dispensing low-volumes of antivirals and advise them to send stock to a pharmacy that is dispensing higher volumes.
- Pharmacies dispensing lower volumes will retain a smaller inventory of antivirals.
- The pharmacies dispensing higher volumes will also be contacted and advised of the incoming stock.
- BCCDC will fund the shipping of inventory between pharmacies.