

## **Important H1N1 Notice to all students**

**From Dr Paul Van Buynder, Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health for NB**

The H1N1 vaccination program in NB protected approximately 65% of the population which is enough to prevent significant circulation of H1N1 in the community if the virus returns this winter.

**HOWEVER, it is still possible to get significant transmission of H1N1 in population subgroups that have lower vaccination rates. In NB, only the 19-24 age group, particularly males, has low enough rates to be at risk.**

On the west coast of Canada and in the United States there have been large university outbreaks which needed the set-up of “quarantine” dormitories to control infections.

In NB this scenario remains a risk due to our low H1N1 vaccination coverage in university students.

I am urging those of you that are still unvaccinated to protect yourself and your classmates by getting vaccinated at the additional H1N1 clinic to be held on campus on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

Thank you.