FOUR DEAD AS FLU SEASON HITS SASKATCHEWAN EARLY

globalnews.ca - Flu season is beginning to enter its peak in Saskatchewan, as the annual virus took hold three weeks earlier than it normally does.

Saskatchewan’s chief medical health officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said infection rates show the disease will likely be most intense around the Christmas holidays. Because of this, he advised staying home if you are feeling ill.

“If you’re visiting family and friends in hospital or long-term care. It’s really important not to visit if you’re sick because that’s how we introduce influenza to people who are more vulnerable to the flu,” Shahab said.

With the early start to the flu season, the province has already recorded six outbreaks in long-term care facilities as of Dec. 8. Shahab said the elderly and people with underlying health conditions are most likely to develop serious complications due to the virus.

Another sign of the early flu season is the disease has already turned deadly in the province. Four people have died from the flu according to the latest provincial flu report. In the past three years, there have not been any fatalities at this point.

Eleven people have been admitted to the intensive care units as a result of the flu so far.

With the virus expected to peak during the holidays, Shahab advised that people who take medication for other conditions plan ahead to ensure they have access to their prescriptions while travelling and pharmacies being open varying hours over the holidays.

The dominant “A” strain of the flu this year is H1N1, a disease children under five-year-old are more vulnerable to contracting.

Several daycares in Saskatoon said that they have seen a notable number of sick children over the past month, on one its third round of dealing with the virus.

In Regina, issues with the flu do not appear to be as common yet in daycares.

“We all have to teach ourselves and our children healthy habits, washing your hands before eating and drinking, coughing into your sleeve or into a tissue paper. Those kind of things go a long way to preventing large outbreaks,” Shahab said.

According to the province, 277,000 doses of the flu vaccine have been administered, as of Dec. 17, which is a three per cent increase over last year.

Shahab said people can still get the flu shot, which is expected to be effective for the “B” strain that usually comes in February or March.
YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE...

For Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)
The next four weeks are a fabulous time to advance your agenda, because you look wonderful in the eyes of bosses, parents and VIPs. Make hay while the sun shines!

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)
You will focus on how to manage your life better in the next four weeks. You will be on a kick to improve your productivity by being practical and more organized.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Fasten your seatbelt, because the next four weeks are busy with short trips, appointments, increased time with siblings and relatives, plus reading, writing and studying. Your daily tempo will accelerate!

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
For the next four weeks, you will attract people and favorable circumstances to you because the Sun will be in your sign. This is your chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year!

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Look back at your last year to see how well you are doing at the art of living. How do you want your new year (from birthday to birthday) to be different from last year?

You Born Today

You are enthusiastic! You love to travel because you love change. Service to others is your theme this year. Focus on your personal responsibilities to family as well as yourself. Take care of yourself so you are a strong resource. Nurture relationships you value. Explore the arts, enroll in a class. Personalize your home with treasures that have meaning.

Birthdays of: Jennifer Beals, actress; Edith Piaf, singer; Ronan Farrow, journalist.
COMING EVENTS
Centre Street United Church, Shaunavon; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with music by Brian and David Johnson, members of the Regina Symphony. December 24th at 7:00pm.

FOR SALE
Local red, white and purple potatoes. Also, to give away, 3 - 9 month old cats needing a good home. 2 orange male and 1 grey female. Phone 306-297-2505 or 306-294-8166.

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TENDERS
SW Waste Management Authority is inviting tenders for approx. 80 acres of standing alfalfa located on the NE 27-007-20W/3. Application deadline is February 1, 2019. Tenders can be mailed to: SW Waste Management Authority. Box 1321, Shaunavon, Sask. S0N 2M0. or emailed to: swm.a@sasktel.net For further information contact the Landfill office at 306-297-4020.

Q. What’s Santa Claus’s favorite type of potato chip?
A. Crisp Pringles!

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Q. What do you call an outlaw who steals gift wrapping from the rich to give to the poor?
A. Ribbon Hood.

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First one of the new year will be 02Jan at noon.

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Some of the TOP ladies curling teams in the province will battle it out for the remaining spots into this years Provincial Women’s Championship!!

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WINTER HOURS: Tues - Fri - 9am - 5pm
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
• Senior Badgers vs Cabri @ 8pm CPWC

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
• Christmas Eve Candlelight service at Centre Street United Church 7pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH
• Boxing Day Curling Bonspiel CPWC

JANUARY 4-6
• Ladies Provincial Qualifying Bonspiel - CPWC

• Courtesy Van - 306-297-7989 Shaunavon Van for the Disabled 306-297-7902
• Legion Old Time Dance - Every Thursday at 8:00pm. Everyone Welcome
• The Shaunavon Library Kids’ Korner program. Every Friday at 11:00a.m. at the library. Kids ages 0-5 years are welcome to attend with an adult.
• AA & Al-Anon - Fridays @ 7pm Centre St United Church basement
• Games Tuesdays - Tuesdays @1pm Shaunavon Library. Everyone Welcome.
• Legion Regular Monthly meeting 2nd Monday of each month @ 7:30 pm. For info call Brenda at 306-294-7756
• Hospital Auxiliary Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the Month. 1:30pm Seniors Hall. New members welcome!
• Senior’s Centre Activities: Cribbage Wednesdays @ 1:30pm; Snooker & Pool Mon, Wed, Fri. More players welcome!
• Seniors Regular Monthly Meetings held 2nd Tues. of every month 3:30pm followed by a potluck supper.
• Retired Hospital Staff meet the 3rd Monday of every month at JB’s Gallery at 10am.
• Duplicate Bridge Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Seniors Centre.

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What says ‘Oh Oh Oh’? Santa walking backwards!