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## Some flu shot rates below benchmarks

Flu shot rates in Halton have increased since last year but vaccinations for hospital and long-term care home staff continue to fall below provincial benchmarks.

Halton Region distributed 127,307 doses of the influenza vaccine during the 2011-12 flu season, about 5,700 more doses than the 2010-11 season.

At Halton Healthcare Services hospitals—Oakville Trafalgar, Milton District and Georgetown—43 per cent of staff were immunized, up from 34 per cent last year, and at Joseph Brant hospital in Burlington 25 per cent of staff were. Both organizations fell below the 70 per cent provincial target.

Flu shots for staff at Halton's long-term care homes on average reached 60 per cent, up from 56 per cent last year. None of the homes met the Ministry of Health's staff immunization benchmark of 90 per cent.

Resident immunization at long-term care

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## Playing dirty

Brooklyn Austin, 17 months, found clods of mud very interesting during the recent tree planting event held at the Acton Quarry. The Austin family was among some of the approximately 200 volunteers who, in a little less than two hours, had planted 4,000 seedling trees. Dufferin Aggregates hosted the event which saw Dufferin staff, Scouts Canada volunteers and others pitch in to beautify the Quarry.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom



## Woman, boyfriend get Cash for Life

By LISA TALLYN  
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A young Georgetown woman and her boyfriend were in "total shock" when they scratched a winning Instant Double Cash for Life ticket last week.

Kristin Lee Anstey of Georgetown and David Daniel White of North Bay uncovered three LIFE symbols on the scratch ticket and were awarded the one-time lump sum cash payment option of \$1.35 million.

The couple "read the instructions multiple times" to make sure they had actually won.

They bought the ticket at a Mac's Convenience store in North Bay, where Anstey attends Nipissing University.

They plan to "continue to play here and there" and will put their winnings towards "debt, car, school, vacation and investments."

Group players (more than one) must opt for the one-time lump sum payment in the Cash for Life game.

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