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**H1N1 Influenza and Vaccination Program**

**2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA**

**H1N1 VACCINE**

***[NEW] My child needed two doses of flu vaccine and was accidentally given a third dose of the same vaccine. Is that a problem?***

No. The child is not at an increased risk of side effects from the extra vaccine. The extra vaccine is not likely to produce any added benefit but will not cause any harm. As with all individuals who receive vaccines, the child should be observed for any of the side effects on the Vaccine Information Sheet. Any adverse events should be reported to VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) program, which has been set up to monitor vaccine safety. (See Q&A under Vaccine Safety.)

***[NEW] My child was given an adult dose of flu vaccine instead of a pediatric dose. Is that a problem?***

No. The child is not at an increased risk of side effects from the extra vaccine. The extra vaccine is not likely to produce any added benefit but will not cause any harm. As with all individuals who receive vaccines, the child should be observed for any of the side effects on the Vaccine Information Sheet. Any adverse events should be reported to VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) program, which has been set up to monitor vaccine safety. (See Q&A under Vaccine Safety.)

If the child is at an age that requires a second shot, the vaccine should still be given. One double dose is not the same as two separate vaccines separated by the 21-28 days.

**H1N1 VACCINE PRIORITY GROUPS**

***[UPDATED] How will the State determine that the vaccine can be administered to other target populations including the general public?***

The H1N1 vaccine is currently available in limited amounts and is being focused on target priority groups. ***Once the State has determined that the demand for vaccine for the prioritized groups has been met statewide, providers will be notified of the ability to vaccinate everyone from the ages of 25 through 64 years. This will not occur until 2010.*** Current studies indicate that the risk for infection among persons age 65 or older is less than the risk for younger age groups. However, once vaccine demand among younger age groups has been met, providers should offer vaccination to people 65 or older. There is expected to be enough vaccine available

to vaccinate everyone who wants it. Shipments of the vaccine continue to arrive each day; please be patient and continue to check availability on [://nj.gov/health/](http://nj.gov/health/).

## **ADDITIONAL H1N1 INFORMATION / RESOURCES**

### **Where can I learn more?**

The CDC website will be providing daily updates regarding the status of this flu investigation in the US. They also have information posted such as questions and answers regarding Novel Influenza A (H1N1).

The web address is: [.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/](http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/).

For NJ information, go to: [://www.nj.gov/health/flu/h1n1/](http://www.nj.gov/health/flu/h1n1/)