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## 2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA

### H1N1 VACCINE

**[UPDATED] Why are some providers giving 2<sup>nd</sup> doses to children and others are not?**

Depending on vaccine availability, healthcare providers are encouraged to give second doses. However, providers should still not reserve a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of vaccine at the time that the child receives the first dose.

### H1N1 FLU CLINIC INFORMATION

**[UPDATED] Where can I get a 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccination?**

New Jersey has thousands of locations offering 2009 H1N1 vaccinations: health care providers' offices, community health centers, county and local health departments, and retail pharmacies. H1N1 flu vaccine is being distributed to New Jersey (and across the country) in staggered shipments for several more months. Both the nasal mist and the injectable form of the vaccine will be available and there is expected to be enough vaccine for everyone who wants to get vaccinated.

**[NEW] As a member of the general public, where can I get H1N1 vaccine?**

Priority groups can get H1N1 vaccine anywhere it is available, regardless of where they live in NJ. The general public can go health care providers' offices, community health centers, county and local health departments, and retail pharmacies. However, administration of H1N1 vaccine to the general public at clinics sponsored by public health departments may be limited to the residents of the jurisdictions they serve. To find a flu shot, go to:

[://nj.gov/health/flu/findflushot.shtml](http://nj.gov/health/flu/findflushot.shtml).

**[NEW] I saw on the flu vaccine locator website that some providers are still limiting H1N1 flu vaccine to priority groups. Can they do that?**

Yes. Some local health departments and other health care providers, depending on the needs of their communities, may still schedule clinics specifically for individuals in target groups at greatest risk of complications from H1N1.

**[UPDATED] I was at a clinic that wasn't following the priority group/residency rules. Who can I report this to?**

Priority groups can get H1N1 vaccine anywhere it is available, regardless of where they live in NJ. However, administration of H1N1 vaccine to the general public at clinics sponsored by public health departments may be limited to the residents of the jurisdictions they serve. Complaints concerning provider non-compliance should be reported to the NJDHSS Office of Public Health Infrastructure at 609-984-0363.

## **H1N1 VACCINE PRIORITY GROUPS**

### ***[NEW] When will the State allow the general public to receive H1N1 flu vaccine?***

As of December 16, the State is allowing the general public to receive H1N1 flu vaccine. This is earlier than anticipated due to the receipt of additional shipments of vaccine.

## **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/)