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2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA

H1N1 VACCINE

[UPDATED] It looks like H1N1 is over. Should people still get vaccinated?

In past flu pandemics, "waves" of activity have been observed over a year or so after a new flu virus appears, with each wave lasting 6-12 weeks. The US experienced its first wave of 2009 H1N1 flu in the spring of 2009 and now the second wave is winding down. Additional waves of H1N1 may occur as well as outbreaks of seasonal flu. Because the timing and spread of flu viruses are unpredictable, the CDC is continuing to recommend vaccination with seasonal flu vaccine and 2009 H1N1 vaccine for those people for whom it is recommended. *There is no way to accurately predict the course of influenza epidemics. Right now is a window of opportunity for more people to get vaccinated for 2009 H1N1 flu.*

[UPDATED] Should all providers now be offering 2nd doses to children who need them?

Yes, since there is ample vaccine available, all providers are encouraged to give second doses.

H1N1 FLU CLINIC INFORMATION

As a member of the general public, where can I get H1N1 vaccine?

Priority groups (see section titled "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).

[UPDATED] I saw on the flu vaccine locator website that some providers are scheduling clinics/appointments for specific populations to receive H1N1 vaccine. Can they do that?

Yes. Some local health departments and other health care providers, depending on the needs of their communities, may schedule clinics for individuals in specific populations.

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/)