

H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

What to Expect at the H1N1 Vaccination Clinic

All persons entering the H1N1 vaccination clinic will be asked general screening questions regarding their health and the high-risk priority groups. After the vaccine is administered by a health professional, all persons will be asked to wait ten minutes.

Is H1N1 Vaccination Mandatory?

No. H1N1 vaccination is voluntary.

Who Can or Cannot Receive H1N1 Vaccine

H1N1 vaccine supplies are currently very limited. At this time, H1N1 vaccine is only available to those at greater risk of illness and of serious complications:

- Pregnant women
- Household and caregiver contacts of children younger than 6 months of age
- Children from 6 months through 4 years of age
- Children and adolescents aged 5 through 18 years who have medical conditions associated with a higher risk of influenza complications
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient care

Unless an individual had a laboratory confirmed case of H1N1 influenza, H1N1 vaccination is recommended.

People with severe egg allergies should not be vaccinated.

What are the Medical Conditions Associated with a Higher Risk of Influenza Complications?

Certain medical conditions put people at greater risk of serious complications from influenza. Those conditions include:

- neuromuscular disorders
- chronic lung diseases such as asthma
- weakened immune systems
- cardiovascular disease such as congenital heart disorders
- diabetes, kidney or liver disorders
- cancer
- blood disorders

Specific documentation of these conditions is not needed for the H1N1 vaccination clinics. Please see the CDC's H1N1 web pages for more information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu>.



2009 H1N1 Vaccine Safety

Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this disease. The H1N1 vaccine is produced in the same manner and by the same manufacturers as the seasonal flu vaccine. Seasonal flu vaccine has an excellent safety record; 100 million people receive it every year. Early clinical studies of the H1N1 vaccine have shown reactions similar to seasonal flu vaccine.

Types of H1N1 Vaccine

The H1N1 vaccine is available in two formulations, nasal spray (FluMist) and flu shots. The nasal spray is approved for use in healthy people age two years to 49 years of age who are not pregnant. The flu shot is approved for use in people six months of age and older, including pregnant women and people with chronic medical conditions.

Availability of the two vaccine formulas may vary due to limited supplies.

Other Questions

If you have additional questions, please call our Public Health nurses and health educators at 734-544-6700 or visit www.ewashtenaw.org/flu. Language translation is available by phone.

