

H1N1 Flu Virus Media Release



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Current Situation: Supplies of H1N1 vaccine are expected to begin arriving weekly in St. Clair County. Vaccination clinics are being scheduled in school buildings in every school district in the county beginning the end of October. The Health Department is working closely with county school districts to prepare for implementation of vaccination clinic plans. As soon as adequate supplies of the vaccine have been received and clinic dates have been confirmed, residents can learn of clinic sites and times by:

- Checking the St. Clair County Health Department website: www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health
- Calling the 24/7 H1N1 toll-free hotline: 1-800-552-1183.
- Following local media communications for current and updated lists of clinic locations
- Watching for information packets being sent home with students

Local hospitals and physicians offices are also expecting shipments of H1N1 vaccine this week to vaccinate their staff and patients.

Vaccine will initially be targeted to the following at-risk populations for H1N1 influenza:

- Pregnant woman
- Children 6 months – 24 years of age
- Caregivers of children 6 months or younger
- Health care workers and emergency first responders
- Anyone 25-64 with an underlying health condition such as asthma, diabetes or any heart/lung condition

The Health Department is asking residents to be patient and allow us to first focus on the above at-risk populations. Any resident who is a member of the above listed at-risk populations can get vaccinated at any clinic location. There will be no charge for H1N1 vaccination at any Health Department clinic location.

Current Recommendations:

- Check the Health Department website frequently for information on H1N1 vaccination clinics
- Contact your health care provider to learn of availability of H1N1 vaccine
- Watch for information packets being sent home with St. Clair County school students regarding H1N1 vaccination clinics
- Continue to follow flu prevention measures
- Most people with flu-like symptoms do not need to see a physician

Personal Protection Reminders:

- Wash hands often or use alcohol based hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissue or your sleeve
- Stay home when you are sick (24 hours after fever is gone)
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Frequently clean commonly shared surfaces (door knobs, etc.)

Resources for more information:

www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health

www.cdc.gov/h1n1

www.michigan.gov/h1n1

H1N1 flu toll-free hotline: 1-800-552-1183

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