

H1N1 Influenza Virus Vaccinations

Important Message:

Many areas of Michigan are experiencing outbreaks of the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. It is important that Michigan citizens understand the benefits of vaccination, the projected supply of vaccine in the state, and who should get vaccinated NOW.

Due to the temporary limited supply of the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine, it is important that individuals at risk for influenza complications get vaccinated first. The MDCH recommends that the first people to receive the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine are:

First target group:

- All people from 6 months through 24 years old.
- Pregnant women.

Second target group:

- Anyone who has regular contact with children younger than 6 months old.
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel.
- People 25 through 64 years old who have underlying health conditions.

The 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine manufacturers continue to produce vaccine, and this is continually being shipped to Michigan. By mid to late November, MDCH expects that anyone who wants a 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine will be able to get one.

Please see Michigan's flu website at www.michigan.gov/flu for the most up-to-date information regarding seasonal and H1N1 influenza or visit the Washtenaw County Public Health website at http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public_health