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STATE OPENING H1N1 VACCINE ELIGIBILITY DEC. 18

(Carson City, NV) — Following a fresh review of the state's available supply of H1N1 vaccine, Nevada State Health Officer Dr. Tracey Green announced today that beginning Friday, Dec. 18 the vaccine will be available to all Nevadans, including those outside the five priority groups.

While not refusing vaccine to anyone, public health authorities will continue focusing their efforts on those populations at risk of more significant complications from H1N1 infection, including pregnant women, caregivers for children younger than six months, healthcare workers, anyone ages 6 months to 24 years, and people 24 years and older who have underlying health problems.

“Because the five original priority groups outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are still most at risk for having serious complications from H1N1, public health authorities remain determined to saturate these populations to ensure they have every opportunity to get vaccinated,” Green said. “Meanwhile, I believe we have enough vaccine in state to begin vaccinating everyone who wants to be immunized.”

Local health officers in Clark County, Washoe County and Carson City have all been notified of the statewide policy change, as have private providers and pharmacies. The policy will remain in place contingent upon adequate vaccine supplies.

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