

## H1N1 Vaccine Distribution

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### **Carson City Public Health H1N1 Vaccination for High-Risk Populations**

(Carson City, NV)— Carson City Health and Human Services announced that its community health clinic will begin administering doses of the new flu vaccine on Mondays and Thursdays to patients who meet the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations to be part of a priority population. These groups have shown to be at risk for contracting H1N1 flu:

- Pregnant women.
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age,
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel,
- Persons between the ages of 6 months through 24 years of age, and
- People from ages 25 through 64 years who are at higher risk for novel H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

The announcement of the availability of H1N1 vaccine in the community health clinic follows the arrival of a limited amount of the flu shot vaccine that the federal government first began shipping out less than two weeks ago. However, there is a larger supply of the H1N1 nasal spray, available to healthy people 2 to 49 years of age.

At the Health Department, the H1N1 flu shots will be given free of charge on a first come, first serve basis every Monday 10 a.m. –2 p.m. and Thursday between 8:30–11:30 a.m. and 1:00–4:30 p.m., to those persons identified in the priority population. No appointments are necessary. Carson City Health and Human Services is located at 900 East Long Street in Carson City.

In addition, the Carson City Health Department, in coordination with the Carson City School District, will be vaccinating elementary level school children (kindergarten through fifth grade) on Wednesday, October 28, and Thursday, October 29, 2009. The schools will be sending H1N1 information packets home with the students for parental consent.

“At this point the vaccine is coming in waves and we are working diligently to distribute vaccine so the people in the high-risk categories are being vaccinated. As we receive more vaccine we will continue to reach out to the community,” said Marena Works, Director of the Carson City Health Department. “Every week, an unknown amount of H1N1 vaccine is arriving in Nevada. Assuming that vaccine production continues as anticipated, eventually every person who wants an H1N1 vaccination will be able to get one in the weeks and months to come.”

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