

NEWS



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H1N1 Vaccine Clinics

The Gloucester County Department of Health will hold two H1N1 Vaccine Clinics next week. One clinic will provide vaccine specifically for children age 5 through 18 years with chronic medical conditions and the other clinic is for pregnant women only.

The Gloucester County Department of Health is following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines in administering the vaccine. Anyone with questions can call the Gloucester County Flu Hotline at (856) 218-4141.

Wednesday, October 28th, 2009
Gloucester County College
1400 Tanyard Road
Sewell, N.J. 08080
6:30 – 8:30 PM

For Children age 5 through 18 years only with chronic medical conditions including pulmonary disease (including asthma), cardiovascular disease (except hypertension), kidney disease, liver disease, cognitive disorders, neurologic/neuromuscular disorders, diseases of the blood, metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus) or immune compromised individuals (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus). **All clients will be screened, proof of residency required.**

Friday October 30th, 2009
Clayton County Complex
Government Services Building
1200 N. Delsea Drive
Clayton, NJ 08012
4:00-6:00PM

For Pregnant Woman Only, Proof of Residency Required

The Gloucester County Department of Health encourages that children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years see their own Pediatrician for this vaccine. For questions call the Gloucester County Flu Hotline at (856) 218-4141.

Below is some information we feel you should know prior to receiving your H1N1 vaccine:

- At this time the above mentioned clinics will only have vaccine **with** preservatives;
- Some people should **only receive the vaccine under a doctor's care**; if you are allergic to eggs, if you have a severe allergy to any vaccine components, those with

multiple sclerosis, previous attacks of Guillian-Barre Syndrome, or other recurring or persistent neurological disorder.

- Some people should **check** with their doctor before taking the flu vaccine; persons on immunosuppressive therapy (cancer treatment or steroid therapy); those with a fever or who have been ill with something more serious than a cold in the last 48 hours.

Children through the age of 10 will need two shots about 1 month apart. We encourage parents with children between the ages of 6 months to 4 years of age to seek out their pediatrician for the vaccine. For those that are uninsured, underinsured or require our services can call for an appointment between 8:30AM-4:30PM at 856-218-4101 Monday through Friday.

The Health Department continues to encourage residents to follow steps to help prevent the spread of flu in the workplace, schools and throughout the community. In addition to receiving the vaccines, people should wash their hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes and stay home from school or work if sick. The Gloucester County Department of Health is also taking the following steps to ensure the health of our community:

- We continue to perform active surveillance with area hospitals regarding influenza like symptoms;
- We are collaborating with schools districts to provide H1N1 vaccine for their students;
- Working with approved H1N1 providers such as pharmacies, Pediatricians, Family Practices, and OB/GYN's.

As more vaccine becomes available the Gloucester County Department of Health will be able to provide vaccine to those that need it most. The Health Department is asking that people not in these priority groups wait until additional vaccine is received to get their shot. The health department expects additional shipments weekly and will schedule clinics as the vaccine becomes available. This is a long-term campaign that will continue for months until everyone who wants a H1N1 vaccination has received one.

For more information about the H1N1 residents can call the Gloucester County Flu Hotline at 856-218-4141 or visit any of the following websites:

www.gloucestercountynj.gov

www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/

www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/general.htm