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2009 H1N1 Vaccination Clinic For Priority Group 1

- Pregnant women;
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months old;
- Licensed or Certified Healthcare and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel;
- All people aged 6 months to 24 years; and
- People aged 25 through 64 years with chronic health conditions.

The Salem County Health Department will be offering the H1N1 vaccine to individuals in the Priority 1 target population only.

**Licensed or Certified Healthcare and EMS personnel should be prepared to show ID if requested.*

**People with chronic conditions should be prepared to answer questions regarding their health condition.*

Below is the H1N1 flu vaccine schedule, and those that would be eligible at this time to receive the vaccine:

- November 10, 2009
Salem County Vocational Technical School
Gymnasium in Science & Technology Center
4 - 7 pm
For Priority Group 1 Individuals
No one will be permitted into the school parking lot until school is out of session. Anyone arriving at the clinic before school is out of session will be turned away
- November 13, 2009
Salem Community College
Field House in Davidow Hall
4 - 7 pm
For Priority Group 1 Individuals

Children 9 and under will need two shots at least 1 month apart. We encourage parents to contact their pediatrician for the second dose vaccine.

Individuals should NOT get a Flu Shot if:

- You have had a reaction to flu shots in the past;
- Have an allergy to chicken eggs or chicken products;



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- You have an allergy to thimerosal (a mercury derivative); At this point in time, we only have vaccine that contains the preservative thimerosal.
- You have previously developed Guillain-Barré Syndrome six (6) weeks after receiving the flu vaccination.

***If you are unsure whether or not you should get the flu shot, please ask your doctor.**

The health department recommends 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 Salem County Department of Health is doing the following to ensure the health of our community:

- We continue to work with area hospitals to monitor cases with flu-like symptoms.
- We are working 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.

The clinics being scheduled are for specific priority groups. "The Health Department is asking the general population to be patient while we focus on vaccinating these priority populations," says Public Health Coordinator, Herb Roeschke. 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.

The Health Department encourages residents to fill out a registration form before attending a scheduled clinic. Registration forms for H1N1 clinics will be available at municipal buildings and the Salem County Health Department's website, www.cshealth.org. The Health Department would also like to remind residents attending a scheduled clinic to wear a shirt with short sleeves.

If you have any questions or would like some information about this topic, please call us at (856) 935-7510 or visit the following websites:

- www.cshealth.org
- www.nj.gov/flu
- www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/
- www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/general.htm

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2009 H1N1 Injectable Influenza Vaccine Consent Form

Section 1: Information about person receiving vaccine (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME (Last)		(First)	(M.I.)	DATE OF BIRTH month _____ day _____ year _____
MAILING ADDRESS			GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
CITY	STATE	ZIP		

Section 2: Screening for Injectable Vaccine Eligibility*

The following questions will help us to know if the person named above can get the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. Please mark YES or NO for each question.

If you answer "NO" to all four of the following questions, the person named above can probably get the influenza vaccine. If you answer "YES" to one or more of the following four questions, you need to consult with your physician for guidance.

	YES	NO
1. Does the person named above have a serious allergy to eggs or to a component of the vaccine?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is the person to be vaccinated sick today?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Has the person named above ever had a serious reaction to a previous dose of flu vaccine?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Have the person named above ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a type of temporary severe muscle weakness) within 6 weeks after receiving a flu vaccine?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 3: Consent for Vaccination

I have read or had explained to me the 2009-2010 Vaccine Information Statement for the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine and understand the risks and benefits.

I UNDERSTAND that my child may be restrained so proper precautions can be taken when administering vaccine
Parent/Legal Guardian Initial _____

I GIVE CONSENT to the STATE/LOCAL health department/healthcare provider and associated staff to administer this vaccine to me or, if the name appearing above is a minor, to this individual as his/her parent/legal guardian. *(If this consent form is not signed, dated, and returned, then the person named above will not be vaccinated).*

Signature of Vaccinee/Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Vaccinee/Parent/Legal Guardian (Print) _____

Date: _____

Witness to Signature _____

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Vaccine	Date Dose Administered	Route/Site	Dose Number (1st or 2nd)	Vaccine Manufacturer	Lot Number	Staff Initial
2009 H1N1		IM <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Arm <input type="checkbox"/> Leg				
2009 H1N1		IM <input type="checkbox"/> R <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Arm <input type="checkbox"/> Leg				

2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE

INACTIVATED
(the "flu shot")

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See <http://www.immunize.org/vis>.

1 What is 2009 H1N1 influenza?

2009 H1N1 influenza (also called Swine Flu) is caused by a new strain of influenza virus. It has spread to many countries.

Like other flu viruses, 2009 H1N1 spreads from person to person through coughing, sneezing, and sometimes through touching objects contaminated with the virus.

Signs of 2009 H1N1 can include:

- Fatigue
- Fever
- Sore Throat
- Muscle Aches
- Chills
- Coughing
- Sneezing

Some people also have diarrhea and vomiting.

Most people feel better within a week. But some people get pneumonia or other serious illnesses. Some people have to be hospitalized and some die.

2 How is 2009 H1N1 different from regular (seasonal) flu?

Seasonal flu viruses change from year to year, but they are closely related to each other.

People who have had flu infections in the past usually have some immunity to seasonal flu viruses (their bodies have built up some ability to fight off the viruses).

The 2009 H1N1 flu is a new flu virus. It is very different from seasonal flu viruses.

Most people have little or no immunity to 2009 H1N1 flu (their bodies are not prepared to fight off the virus).

3 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine

Vaccines are available to protect against 2009 H1N1 influenza.

- These vaccines are made just like seasonal flu vaccines.
- They are expected to be as safe and effective as seasonal flu vaccines.
- They will not prevent "influenza-like" illnesses caused by other viruses.
- They will not prevent seasonal flu. *You should also get seasonal influenza vaccine, if you want to be protected against seasonal flu.*

Inactivated vaccine (vaccine that has killed virus in it) is injected into the muscle, like the annual flu shot. **This sheet describes the inactivated vaccine.**

A **live, intranasal** vaccine (the nasal spray vaccine) is also available. It is described in a separate sheet.

Some inactivated 2009 H1N1 vaccine contains a preservative called thimerosal to keep it free from germs. Some people have suggested that thimerosal might be related to autism. In 2004 a group of experts at the Institute of Medicine reviewed many studies looking into this theory, and found no association between thimerosal and autism. Additional studies since then reached the same conclusion.

4 Who should get 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine and when?

WHO

Groups recommended to receive 2009 H1N1 vaccine first are:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical personnel
- Anyone from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Anyone from 25 through 64 years of age with certain chronic medical conditions or a weakened immune system

As more vaccine becomes available, these groups should also be vaccinated:

- Healthy 25 through 64 year olds
- Adults 65 years and older

The Federal government is providing this vaccine for receipt on a voluntary basis. However, state law or employers may require vaccination for certain persons.

WHEN

Get vaccinated as soon as the vaccine is available.

Children through 9 years of age should get **two doses** of vaccine, about a month apart. Older children and adults need only one dose.

5 Some people should not get the vaccine or should wait

You should not get 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine if you have a **severe (life-threatening) allergy** to **eggs**, or to **any other substance in the vaccine**. *Tell the person giving you the vaccine if you have any severe allergies.*

Also tell them if you have ever had:

- a life-threatening allergic reaction after a dose of seasonal flu vaccine,
- Guillain Barré Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness also called GBS).

These may not be reasons to avoid the vaccine, but the medical staff can help you decide.

If you are moderately or severely ill, you might be advised to wait until you recover before getting the vaccine. If you have a mild cold or other illness, there is usually no need to wait.

Pregnant or breastfeeding women can get inactivated 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine.

Inactivated 2009 H1N1 vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines, including seasonal influenza vaccine.

6 What are the risks from 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine?

A vaccine, like any medicine, could cause a serious problem, such as a severe allergic reaction. But the risk of any vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small.

The virus in inactivated 2009 H1N1 vaccine has been killed, so you cannot get influenza from the vaccine.

The risks from inactivated 2009 H1N1 vaccine are similar to those from seasonal inactivated flu vaccine:

Mild problems:

- soreness, redness, tenderness, or swelling where the shot was given
- fainting (mainly adolescents)
- headache, muscle aches
- fever
- nausea

If these problems occur, they usually begin soon after the shot and last 1-2 days.

Severe problems:

- Life-threatening allergic reactions to vaccines are very rare. If they do occur, it is usually within a few minutes to a few hours after the shot.
- In 1976, an earlier type of swine flu vaccine was associated with cases of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). Since then, flu vaccines have not been clearly linked to GBS.

7 What if there is a severe reaction?

What should I look for?

Any unusual condition, such as a high fever or behavior changes. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include difficulty breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heart beat or dizziness.

What should I do?

- **Call** a doctor, or get the person to a doctor right away.
- **Tell** the doctor what happened, the date and time it happened, and when the vaccination was given.
- **Ask** your provider to report the reaction by filing a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) form. Or you can file this report through the VAERS website at <http://www.vaers.hhs.gov>, or by calling 1-800-822-7967.

VAERS does not provide medical advice.

8 Vaccine injury compensation

If you or your child has a reaction to the vaccine, your ability to sue is limited by law.

However, a federal program has been created to help pay for the medical care and other specific expenses of certain persons who have a serious reaction to this vaccine. For more information about this program, call 1-888-275-4772 or visit the program's website at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/countermeasurescomp/default.htm>.

9 How can I learn more?

- Ask your provider. They can give you the vaccine package insert or suggest other sources of information.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO) or
 - Visit CDC's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu> or <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>
- Visit the web at <http://www.flu.gov>



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