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## H1N1 (Swine Flu) Information for 2009 Flu Shots

H1N1 has been in the news a great deal and you may be getting questions about this. Information on H1N1 is changing rapidly. Here are some basics as of August 23, 2009.

- There is currently no H1N1 vaccine available in the country. It is not yet licensed or approved.
- Approval and initial shipments of H1N1 vaccine are expected in mid-October. This will be a limited supply and will probably initially be restricted to high priority individuals.
- Current priority groups as listed by the Center for Disease Control include:
  - Pregnant women
  - People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
  - Healthcare and emergency medical service personnel
  - Persons between the ages of 6 months through 24 years
  - Person 25 through 64 years who are at higher risk for novel H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems
- When H1N1 vaccine supplies become adequate to meet demand, guidelines will be relaxed allowing anyone wishing it to receive the vaccine.
- H1N1 vaccine will probably require 2 separate doses 3-4 weeks apart to be effective.
- All H1N1 vaccine in the US is being purchased by the Federal Government and will be distributed via State and County Health Departments.
- County Health Departments, in keeping with State and Federal guidelines, will be in charge of deciding who, when and where H1N1 vaccinations will be given.
- Get A Flu Shot.com has been in discussion with most County Health Departments where we operate and we expect to be able to administer H1N1 vaccine at our clinics at later dates (November? December?).
- If Get A Flu Shot.com is able to administer H1N1 vaccine, we will be charging an administration fee (amount not yet determined), but not a charge for the vaccine.
- It is not yet known if H1N1 vaccinations will be covered by insurance.
- **All flu vaccination clinics currently being scheduled are for seasonal influenza, not H1N1 vaccine.**
- The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the three seasonal viruses that research suggests will be most common.
- All information on H1N1 vaccine is evolving rapidly. Be prepared for changes.
- For the most up to date information, please visit the Center for Disease Control's web site <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>.

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