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H1N1 FLU

VACCINATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I thought H1N1 was over. What's going on?

The H1N1 flu is NOT a seasonal flu virus. It's very active right now. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are reporting an outbreak of H1N1 flu in the southeast United States and recommend all persons under 24 years of age get vaccinated.

Why are people under 24 years of age at risk?

Schools and day care centers are a natural breeding ground for H1N1. It's easy for the virus to travel from host to host. It can be easily transmitted through the air and it can live for hours on surfaces that hands are likely to touch (e.g., desktops, doors, computer keyboards, your computer's mouse).

What can I do to protect my child?

Get your child vaccinated now with the H1N1 flu vaccine. Then, get yourself vaccinated. The H1N1 flu shot is the most important step you can take to protect your child against H1N1.

Children under nine years will need two shots one month apart.

Children under six months of age should NOT be vaccinated. If you have children under six months of age in your home, make sure that everyone in your family has been vaccinated.

Is the H1N1 vaccination safe?

Yes. Millions have received their H1N1 flu shot without side effects. In rare instances, children may experience low-grade fever, aches, swelling and redness in the location of the shot. These are signs that the vaccine is working. You cannot get the H1N1 flu from the H1N1 flu vaccine.

How long will it take for the vaccine to provide protection?

10-14 days for people over 10 years of age. For children under nine years, it's 10-14 days after the second H1N1 flu shot vaccination.

Where can we get our H1N1 flu shots?

H1N1 flu shots are conveniently available at your local school-based health center.

How much is the H1N1 flu shot?

It's free. There is no cost to receive the H1N1 flu shot from your local school-based health center.

Who is eligible to receive the H1N1 flu shot from the school-based health center?

Your child is. So are their parents, siblings, extended family, teachers and staff, as well as others in your community.

When will vaccinations be available?

Flu shots are available now while supplies last.

Where can I find more information about the H1N1 flu vaccine?

Call 211

211 has the local information you need.

MDCH H1N1 Flu webpage

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_2955_22779_40563-213600--,00.html

CDC H1N1 Flu webpage

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

Flu.gov website

<http://www.flu.gov/>

Facebook's Fight the H1N1 Flu

<http://www.facebook.com/H1N1flu>