



News Release

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H1N1 SHOTS AVAILABLE IN FULTON COUNTY *County Vaccinating High Priority Groups*

The Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness has received 9,000 doses of injectable H1N1 vaccine. Beginning Thursday, November 12, 2009, the limited supply of vaccine will be offered to individuals listed in the CDC's high priority groups. Individuals who fall in these groups can obtain the vaccine at any of the eight Fulton County Health Centers. H1N1 nasal spray vaccine is also available for healthy ages 2 - 49 year olds.

The groups highly recommended to get the injectable vaccination include:

- **Pregnant women** because they are at higher risk of complications and can potentially provide protection to infants who cannot be vaccinated;
- **Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age** because younger infants are at higher risk of influenza-related complications and cannot be vaccinated. Vaccination of those in close contact with infants less than 6 months old might help protect infants by "cocooning" them from the virus;
- **Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel** because infections among healthcare workers have been reported and this can be a potential source of infection for vulnerable patients. Also, increased absenteeism in this population could reduce healthcare system capacity;
- **All people from 6 months through 24 years of age**
 - **Children from 6 months through 18 years of age** because there have been many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in children and they are in close contact with each other in school and day care settings, which increases the likelihood of disease spread, and
 - **Young adults 19 through 24 years of age** because of the many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in these healthy young adults and they often live, work, and study in close proximity, and they are a frequently mobile population; and,
- **Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.**

Eventually, anyone who wants the protection provided by the vaccine will be able to get it.

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The H1N1 injectable and nasal spray vaccines are available from 8:30am – 5:00pm. The Sandy Springs location has moved to a new address:

<p>North Fulton Regional Health Center 3155 Royal Drive, Suite 125 Alpharetta, GA 30004 (404) 332-1958</p>	<p>Adamsville Health Center 3699 Bakers Ferry Rd., S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30331 (404) 699-4215</p>
<p><i>NEW</i> North Fulton Government Service Center 7741 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30328 (404) 612-5752</p>	<p>Center Hill Health Center 3201 Atlanta Industrial Pkwy, N.W., Ste 302 Atlanta, Georgia 30331 (404) 699-6370</p>
<p>The Center for Health and Rehabilitation 265 Boulevard, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30312 (404) 730-5835</p>	<p>Neighborhood Union Health Center 186 Sunset Ave., N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30318 (404) 612-4665</p>
<p>Lakewood Health Center 1853 Jonesboro Rd., S.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30315 (404) 624-0626</p>	<p>College Park Regional Health Center 1920 John Wesley Ave. College Park, Georgia 30337 (404) 765-4155</p>

The vaccine is provided at no charge to the client.

For information about vaccine availability in Fulton County, log-on to www.fultoncountygahealth.org or contact the Georgia H1N1 Information Line at 1-888-416-1463 for information about the virus, vaccine and other health district locations.

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