



FEDERAL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH UPDATE ON 2009 H1N1 FLU VACCINE

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Vaccine Supply Remains Limited

FOH is offering the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine according to the priority target groups outlined by CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and defined in our [distribution plan](#).

Target Groups

FOH is currently providing the vaccine to healthcare workers, emergency medical personnel, and pregnant women (Target Groups 1 and 2a listed in the above plan).

Beginning the week of November 23, *as their supplies allow*, FOH health centers may offer H1N1 vaccine to federal employees within the broader ACIP target groups: pregnant women, caregivers of infants less than 6 months old, adults under 25 years old, adults 25-64 years old with chronic medical conditions, and remaining health care and emergency medical services personnel. Nurses should increase access in accordance with CDC guidelines. Employees should be advised that in the short run, supplies may not be sufficient to meet demand.

The H1N1 vaccine will be offered by appointment only. Employees who are eligible can contact their local [FOH health center](#) to schedule an appointment.

Future Supply and Timelines

H1N1 flu vaccine supplies are expected to increase in December and eventually be plentiful enough to vaccinate everyone who wishes to receive it. Nurses will broaden the eligibility for vaccine as their supplies allow and in accordance with CDC guidelines. Agencies and employees will be kept informed of when the next group(s) will be offered vaccine and any significant changes to the distribution plan.

It is important to remember that just as supplies may vary by state or region, they may vary by department or agency due to that agency's demographics.

For more information about H1N1 influenza, vaccine, and frequently asked questions, go to www.flu.gov.