

Nassau County Department of Health to Offer H1N1 Flu Vaccine For Priority Groups Recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Uniondale, NY - Nassau County Department of Health will be offering the H1N1 vaccine at no cost to people in the priority groups recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to receive the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. Appointments are not needed. The vaccine will be available:

Saturday, December 5, 2009

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Nassau Community College - Building P

Physical Education Complex - East Campus

One Education Drive

Garden City, New York 11530

The priority groups recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to receive the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine 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 younger 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 cases of 2009 H1N1 influenza have been seen in children who 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 many cases of 2009 H1N1 influenza have been seen 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.

Residents who would like additional information on vaccination locations and are in one of the priority groups may call the Nassau County Department of Health H1N1 Call Center, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm at 1.888.684.4271 or visit the Health Department website at <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/index.html>