

BROADCAST TO: CMS – Single Site

SUBJECT: H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Vaccine Availability

CMS is now offering the H1N1 vaccine to ALL priority groups. While everyone is potentially at risk for the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Virus, the initial priority groups identified by CDC are at greater risk for the virus and its complications. These groups include:

1. pregnant women,
2. persons who live with or provide care for infants less than 6 months old,
3. health-care and emergency medical services personnel,
4. children and young adults aged 6 months through 24 years, and
5. persons aged 25 through 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

If you are in any of these initial priority groups, please contact the Customer Service Desk at 410-786-2165 to be placed on the list to receive the vaccine. **Please make sure that you identify your priority group.** Before you receive the vaccine, you will be required to sign and date an H1N1 Acknowledgment Form verifying that you qualify to receive the vaccine as part of one of the priority groups targeted for vaccination.

Employees may also receive the vaccine through community vaccinators or their primary care provider. You may find more information on www.flu.gov for vaccinators in your community.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine is Available in Limited Supply

The seasonal flu shot is now available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will continue **until our supply is exhausted.** Please note that the vaccine will not be given to employees who are allergic to eggs or eggs products, or who have a fever and/or acute respiratory disease or other active infection. Women who are pregnant will need a physician's authorization to receive the influenza vaccination. If you would like the seasonal flu shot, please contact the Customer Service Desk at 410-786-2165 to be placed on the list to receive the vaccine.