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### H1N1 Vaccination Clinics Changed

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The groups that can receive H1N1 vaccine next week at the Health District's clinic have changed. On Friday afternoon, the Health District was informed by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) that H1N1 vaccine may only be offered to Groups A, B, and C until further notice.

According to Health Commissioner Jim Luken, the Health District had intended to open the vaccination clinic to everyone in the county but had to change their plans Friday for the Monday and Tuesday clinics. The clinics will continue to target those at highest risk for getting the H1N1 virus and having complications. "Things can change on a moment's notice," Luken said. "We are going to continue with clinics until all of the high-risk people have a chance to get the vaccine – then we'll move on to those who are at a lower risk of getting sick." Luken said that once the high-risk groups are taken care of across the region, ODH should give the go-ahead to open the clinics to the rest of the population. "This is the kind of change that can seem confusing at first. But realize that this is to help keep pregnant women, children, and those middle aged folks with chronic conditions healthy since they are the ones getting sick," Luken said.

The clinic scheduled for Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> will be held from 11am until 5pm for Groups A, B, and C only. If vaccine remains after the Monday clinic, the Health District will open another clinic on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until 7pm also for Groups A, B, and C. All Health District H1N1 vaccination clinics will be held at the old Steve and Barry's store at the mall in Piqua.

The only people who can get vaccine at these next two clinics are (Groups A, B, and C):

- Pregnant women,
- People who live with or provide care for infants less than 6 months old such as parents, siblings, and daycare providers,
- All healthcare and EMS or EMT personnel,
- All people age 6 months to 24 years old
- People age 25 to 64 with specific chronic medical conditions

For a list of these specific chronic medical conditions, visit the Health District's website at [www.miamicountyhealth.net](http://www.miamicountyhealth.net).



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Groups and clinics can change often. The most accurate and up-to-date information about clinic schedules can be found on the Health District's website at [www.miamcountyhealth.net](http://www.miamcountyhealth.net). You can also follow the Health District on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### WHERE

All Health District clinics will be held in the old Steve & Barry's store located in the Miami Valley Centre Mall in Piqua. The only entry to the clinic will be from the parking lot entrance. There will be no entry to the clinic from inside the mall. H1N1 vaccine will not be given at the Health District's office. In addition to the Health District clinic, several area pharmacies, pediatricians, and obstetricians will be giving the H1N1 vaccine. Since the number of vaccines shipped to each county is dependent upon the population (counted by the census), Miami County residents should get their vaccine from Miami County and not from another county. If you attempt to get the vaccine in another county, you may be turned away and would be taking a vaccine away from someone in another county who needs it. Several clinics have already started in Ohio, but many will start after Miami County. Would you want someone to come from outside Miami County to take your vaccine? Be responsible, stay in Miami County.

### WHO

Due to delivery delays, vaccine will be given to progressively increasing numbers of groups. Groups that will receive the vaccine first have changed over the past few weeks. You must wait until your group is announced to get vaccine. Groups are based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendations and will be strictly followed. Groups are based on risk for getting the H1N1 virus and having complications. For example, Group A people are at much higher risk for getting the H1N1 virus and having complications so they will receive the vaccine first. If a Group A clinic is announced, you must be in Group A to get the vaccine. If you do not fall into the Group being vaccinated that day, you will not receive vaccine.



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### Group A

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or provide day care for kids under 6 months
- Health care and EMS workers WITH direct patient care
- Ages 6 months to 4 years
- Ages 5 years to 18 years WITH chronic medical condition\*

### Group B

- All other health care and EMS workers
- Age 5 years to 24 years

### Group C

- Age 25 to 64 WITH chronic medical condition\*

### Group D

- Age 25 and up (everyone)

**NOTE:** People age 2 years to 49 years old will receive the nasal spray vaccine UNLESS they are pregnant, have received another nasal vaccine in the last 30 days, have asthma, or have a chronic medical condition.

#### \* Examples of Applicable Chronic Medical Conditions

- Cancer
- Chronic lung disease (such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease - COPD)
- Blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Diabetes
- Heart disease
- Kidney disorders
- Liver disorders
- Neuromuscular disorders (such as muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis)
- Weakened immune systems (such as people with HIV or AIDS or who are on medications that weaken the immune system)
- Neurological disorders (such as epilepsy, cerebral palsy, brain or spinal cord injuries)



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### **VACCINE TYPES**

Vaccine will be available in several different forms. Some vaccine forms are approved for use on only certain age groups and health conditions. It is possible that the Health District will receive vaccine that can only be given to specific people within a Group. For example, the nasal spray vaccine cannot be given to pregnant women, kids under 2 years, or to anyone who has received a nasal spray vaccine in the last 30 days (this includes the regular seasonal flu spray). These people must receive a shot and not a nasal spray. While a specific Group clinic may be scheduled, the Health District may not have all of the specific vaccines for everyone in the Group.

### **HOW MUCH**

Vaccine given at a Health District clinic is free. Vaccine given by other providers (pharmacies or doctors' offices) may have an administration fee.

### **REGISTRATION**

Everyone is encouraged to pre-register online for the H1N1 vaccine. Pre-registering will allow you to be notified when your Group's clinic will be held. Pre-registering also improves accuracy, saves you time at the clinic, and will make things flow quickly. Registering does not guarantee you a vaccine. When you register, make sure you print out the form and take it with you to the clinic, pharmacy, or doctor's office where you will get the vaccine. If you register online but forget to bring the printed form with you to the clinic, you will be required to fill out a new paper form. Anyone under the age of 18 must have either 1) A parent or guardian present, or 2) A printed preregistration form SIGNED by the parent or guardian.

### **INFORMATION**

Watch the Miami County website for the latest clinic scheduling information. You can also follow the Health District on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Visit their site at [www.miamcountyhealth.net](http://www.miamcountyhealth.net).