



WHERE TO GET H1N1 VACCINE IN DELAWARE

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This information is subject to change often and details will be added as they become available. Check <http://www.flu.delaware.gov> frequently for updates.

IMPORTANT: AT THIS TIME, DELAWARE'S DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS RECEIVED VERY FEW DOSES OF H1N1 VACCINE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. VACCINE IS NOT YET AVAILABLE AT MOST OF THE LOCATIONS LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

H1N1 influenza vaccine is being sent to the locations below as it becomes available. Vaccine will be made available by the manufacturers a little at a time over a 3-month period. Therefore, some locations may have the vaccine one day, but not the next.

Because H1N1 influenza vaccine is being provided at no cost to healthcare providers, you should not be charged for the vaccine itself. However, you may be charged by your healthcare provider to administer the vaccination. Your healthcare insurance may cover the cost of administration.

Who can get H1N1 influenza vaccine?

These groups are eligible and encouraged to be vaccinated:

- pregnant women;
- people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age;
- healthcare and emergency medical services personnel;
- persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old; and
- people ages of 25 through 64 years of age who are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

If you are not in one of the above groups, you cannot be vaccinated now. However, you will be eligible as more vaccine becomes available.

Is the H1N1 influenza vaccine safe?

We expect the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine to have a similar safety profile as seasonal flu vaccines, which have a very good safety track record. Over the years, hundreds of millions of Americans have received seasonal flu vaccines. The most common side effects following flu vaccinations are mild, such as soreness, redness, tenderness or swelling where the shot was given. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will closely monitor for any signs that the vaccine is causing unexpected adverse events. They will work with state and local health officials to investigate any unusual events.



People who have a severe (life-threatening) allergy to chicken eggs or to any other substance in the vaccine should not be vaccinated.

Where to get Vaccinated

Please note that Delaware's Division of Public Health is distributing H1N1 influenza vaccine based upon requests. A doctor's office, employer, etc. will not receive vaccine if they did not request it.

Doctor's Offices (including Federally Qualified Health Centers)

Pediatricians, obstetricians family practice physicians, and other specialists who requested H1N1 influenza vaccine from Delaware's Division of Public Health will receive it at various times over the next few months. **A doctor will probably not vaccinate you unless you are already his or her patient.**

This list of Federally Qualified Health Centers will offer H1N1 influenza vaccination to their patients:

- **Delmarva Rural Ministries**

Kent Community Health Center, 1095 S. Bradford St., Dover, DE 19901
(302) 678-2000

- **Westside Family Healthcare**

Wilmington Location: 1802 W. 4th St., Wilmington, DE
(302) 655-5822

Northeast Location: 908-B East 16th St., Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 575-1414

Newark Location: 27 Marrows Rd., Newark, DE 19713
(302) 455-0900

- **Henrietta Johnson Medical Center**

Southbridge Location: 601 New Castle Ave., Wilmington, DE
(302) 655-6187

Riverside Location: 700 Lea Blvd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 761-4610

- **La Red Medical Center**

505 W. Market St., Georgetown, DE 19947
(302) 855-1233

The H1N1 influenza vaccine will first be distributed to obstetricians and pediatricians (in mid-October). Other doctor offices will receive it later.

If you are unable to get vaccinated by your doctor, see below for other ways to be vaccinated.



Public Schools (including Charter Schools)

The Division of Public Health has offered H1N1 influenza vaccination to elementary, middle and high schools beginning in early November. Teams will travel to these schools over several months to provide the vaccinations. Vaccination is voluntary and parents or guardians must grant written permission before students can be vaccinated. Schools will send out a letter informing parents when vaccination will be offered at school.

Elementary school students will get a nasal spray vaccination. Middle school and high school students will get injectable vaccination. Children under 10 years of age will require two vaccinations approximately one month apart.

Note: Vaccination in public schools will be for students only.

Private Schools

The Division of Public Health has offered H1N1 influenza vaccination to those private schools with health centers. Teams will travel to these schools over several months to provide the vaccination.

Private schools that elect not to administer vaccine, and other private schools without health centers can direct students to their private physicians and other locations for the vaccine. Check with the school to determine their arrangements.

Vaccination and vouchers are expected to be available in private schools in early November.

Note: Vaccination in private schools will be for students only.

Colleges and Universities

The University of Delaware, Delaware State University, Delaware Technical College (some campuses), and Wesley College have requested H1N1 influenza vaccine for students. Some other colleges and universities will provide vaccination by contracting with local healthcare facilities. Check with your college and university to determine their arrangements.

Colleges and Universities should start getting H1N1 vaccine in late October or early November.



Division of Public Health Clinics

The Division of Public Health will offer H1N1 vaccination at the Hudson State Service Center in Newark by appointment. At this time, the vaccine is not yet available at this location. More information will be provided when the vaccine becomes available.

Pharmacies

At this time, the Division of Public Health (DPH) is working with retail pharmacies to offer H1N1 vaccination to people who are in the groups listed at the beginning of this document.

Offering vaccination through pharmacies is especially intended for people who cannot get vaccinated by their doctors, people without a doctor, and people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age (such as childcare workers). There may be a small charge for the administration of the vaccine. Insurance companies may cover this cost.

The Division of Public Health will soon issue more information about which pharmacies are participating in this program, and when vaccine will be available.

Healthcare Facilities (including Advanced and Basic Life Support Agencies)

Hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities have requested H1N1 influenza vaccine for their healthcare providers and in some cases their patients. **PLEASE NOTE: These facilities are not offering vaccination to the public.**

Vaccination of healthcare providers is strongly encouraged. Check with your employer to see when vaccination will be offered.

Other

The Division of Public Health is also making H1N1 influenza vaccine available to:

- Dover Air Force Base (for military dependents; active personnel will be vaccinated by the military)
- Dialysis centers (for patients and healthcare workers)
- Some large employers (for employees)