

Stark County Health Department receives its first shipment of H1N1 vaccine.

Stark County Health Department started receiving its shipments of H1N1 on October 9, 2009. This initial shipment is primarily intended for healthcare providers and Emergency Medical Services personnel. The department will soon release the initial vaccination clinic dates for this group.

We are anticipating weekly shipments of the H1N1 vaccine and will schedule clinics according to the amount of vaccine available and focusing on the priority groups defined by the Centers for Disease Control.

Initial doses of H1N1 vaccine will be offered to individuals who are in the high risk categories below:

- Children 6 months thru 24 years of age
- Pregnant women
- Healthcare providers and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
- Caregivers and household contacts of infants under the age of 6 months
- Individuals 25 years of age thru 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza related complications.

Plans are being developed between the health department and the local schools districts for school based clinics. As vaccine supplies at the health department increase specific clinic dates will be made available.