



INYO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BRIEF

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H1N1 Vaccine Supply – and Expanded Target Group

As our supply of H1N1 vaccine continues to slowly arrive, we continue to modify our guidance in order to meet the need of additional target groups.

As you recall, initial target groups have included:

- Pregnant women and those with recent pregnancy termination (less than 2 weeks ago)
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers who are under 65 years of age)
- Health-care and emergency medical services personnel (under 65 years of age) with face-to-face contact with potentially contagious persons
- Children aged 6 months -- 4 years of age
- Children and adolescents aged 5--18 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications (and siblings, parents, and caregivers under 65 years of age)

More recently (on November 20th), we expanded the list to include all children 18 years and under.

We now would like to expand the local guidelines to include all adults with chronic medical conditions who are under 65 years of age. This group may not contract the H1N1 virus as frequently as the very young, but when they do, they have a greater risk of hospitalization and death. This includes persons with:
People who have medical conditions including:

- [Asthma](#)
- Neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions [including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability (mental retardation), moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury].
- Chronic lung disease (such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD] and cystic fibrosis)

- [Heart disease](#) (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)
- Blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease)
- Endocrine disorders (such as [diabetes](#) mellitus)
- Kidney disorders
- Liver disorders
- Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)
- Weakened immune system due to disease or medication (such as people with [HIV or AIDS](#), or [cancer](#), or those on chronic steroids)
- People younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy

As a healthcare provider to persons in this new category, we would hope that you would outreach to this group, and take every opportunity to offer vaccination at each encounter, regardless of the reason for the visit or telephone contact.

We recognize that you most likely do not currently have enough vaccine to reach this group. Public health has a limited quantity of vaccine that it will distribute to providers who call us to discuss their needs and plans for outreach.

Thank you for partnering with us in taking every step possible to ensure the health of our community.