

H1N1 Influenza Update for Gloucester County Residents

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The Gloucester County Department of Health and Senior Services continues to offer the H1N1 (Swine) flu vaccine to any individual who wants it. The NJ State Department of Health and Senior Services issued guidance that allowed NJ providers the option to administer H1N1 vaccine to the general public. Clinics are scheduled through March. Additionally, residents who were unable to receive their seasonal flu vaccine will be able to have their seasonal flu shot at any of these clinics. The Centers for Disease Control has deemed the simultaneous vaccination with seasonal and H1N1 vaccine safe. Click on this link for more information, http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/vaccination/top10_faq.htm

Below is the list of current flu clinics scheduled through March. H1N1 vaccine is available to any person 6 months and older who wants to receive it. The seasonal vaccine is available to Gloucester County residents over 6 months old only.

Monday

March 1, 2010
Gloucester County Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday

March 8, 2010
Gloucester County Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday

March 15, 2010
Gloucester County Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday

March 22, 2010
Gloucester County Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday

March 29, 2010
Gloucester County Health Department
204 East Holly Avenue
Sewell, NJ 08080
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

The health department has finished H1N1 clinics for school aged children in all of the school districts within Gloucester County. Children needing their second dose, under the age of 10 can receive vaccine at any of the scheduled clinics.

What else is Gloucester County doing to keep our residents safe and informed:

- Working with the Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management to distribute personal protective equipment to local hospitals that need additional supplies.
- The Gloucester County Health Department is working with private practitioners, local nursing homes and other approved providers that have not received H1N1 from the state to ensure that they have vaccine for their clients.
- Our website is constantly updated with information regarding upcoming clinics, frequently asked questions and helpful links to H1N1 resources.
- A Hotline has been established to provide information to the public. At this point we have received more than 5,000 calls related to seasonal and H1N1 influenza. The hotline number is: (856) 218-4141 and is available between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.
- More than 50 H1N1 vaccination clinics have been offered to all medically fragile individuals and first responders. Also, the Gloucester County Department of Health has distributed vaccine to many healthcare providers throughout the county so that their employees with direct patient care may be vaccinated.
- The Gloucester County Department of Health has hosted more than 30 community presentations on H1N1 to various organizations and public entities.
- The Gloucester County Department of Health is in constant communication with the local hospitals to determine the severity of illness in our county. We encourage individuals with mild illness to remain at home, stay hydrated, practice good hand hygiene and cover coughs and sneezes. Only those people who are seriously ill should seek medical attention from the emergency room.