

# Next H1N1 Clinic Scheduled in Harrison County

## *Who should receive it?*

Harrison County Home & Public Health continues to receive small allocations of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine and is continuing to hold regular clinics to provide that vaccine to those people at highest risk of complications from the H1N1 virus.

“Allocation of the vaccine to Harrison County is being determined by the state according to population,” said Harrison County Health Director Nicole Carritt. “As a county, we are working with providers to administer the vaccine.” Vaccine will continue to be shipped to Iowa through the winter months.

A clinic will be held Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Logan Community Center. Harrison County will provide the vaccine to people in the following target groups as set by the CDC:

- Pregnant women,
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants <6 months (e.g. parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel,
- Persons aged 6 months through 24 years, and
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications

Walk-ins to our office will be discouraged, as vaccine availability cannot be guaranteed due to the limited supply and will be distributed during clinics only.

As quantities of H1N1 vaccine increase, the priority groups will be expanded to include a larger portion of the population. More information will be forthcoming as the situation and vaccine availability continue to change.

The seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 vaccine can be given at the same time and at any time in any sequence with one exception: if using the live nasal spray vaccine for both the seasonal flu and H1N1, they should be given 4 weeks apart to ensure the best protection from both vaccines. Children 6 months of age through 9 years of age require two doses of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine at least one month apart.

One of the best ways to prevent the spread of both the H1N1 and seasonal flu is to:

- Cover your cough,
- Clean your hands, and
- Contain germs by staying home when ill.

More information on target groups and clinic dates and times may be found by checking our website at <http://www.harrisoncountyyia.org/publichealth/index.html> or by calling our office at 712-644-2220. A statewide toll-free hotline has been established for public questions about seasonal and H1N1 influenza at 1-800-447-1985. More information can also be found at [www.idph.state.ia.us](http://www.idph.state.ia.us).

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