

# News

## Macomb County Board of Commissioners and Health Department



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### **Macomb County schedules communitywide H1N1 flu vaccine clinic Nov. 24; Special population clinics are on Nov. 19, and Nov. 21**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – A communitywide H1N1 vaccine clinic has been scheduled for next Tuesday, Nov. 24, the Macomb County Health Department announced today. It is being offered at no charge.

The clinic will be held from noon to 7 p.m. at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights. The thimerosal-free version of the injectable vaccine will be available upon request, while supplies last. Pregnant women cannot be given the nasal spray version of the vaccine.

Previously announced clinics are also taking place Thursday, Nov. 19, and Saturday, Nov. 21. Both will also take place at Freedom Hill. The Thursday clinic was previously announced and runs from noon until 7 p.m. for health care workers and health care volunteers only; Saturday's clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is communitywide, for high-priority groups.

Please note that persons accompanying pregnant women to the Nov. 21 and 24 clinics are also eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccine if they are living in her household *and* are within the following groups:

- Age 6 months through 24 years of age
- Age 25 through 64 with a chronic medical condition
- Health care worker or EMS provider
- If there is already an infant under 6 months of age in the household

In addition to these clinics offered by the health department, more than 60,000 doses of injectable and nasal spray vaccine have been shipped to physician offices and hospitals across Macomb County. Pediatricians and OB/GYNs are two primary groups that have requested vaccine supply through the H1N1 vaccine enrollment process. "Call your doctor to see if he or she is offering the vaccine to patients in the office setting," said Steve Gold, Macomb County Health Department deputy health officer.

Due to the continued limited availability of vaccine, the Macomb County Health Department recommends those in the following high-risk groups be vaccinated at this time:

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### **INJECTABLE VACCINE**

- Pregnant women
- New parents and household contacts of children less than 6 months of age
- Healthy children and young adults 6 months through 24 years of age
- Health care and emergency medical services workers (regardless of age)
- Adults ages 25 to 64 years of age with high-risk medical conditions that increase risk of complications from influenza

### **NASAL VACCINE**

Healthy, non-pregnant persons who:

- Are from 2 through 24 years of age
- Are from 25 through 49 years of age and live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age
- Are health care or emergency medical services workers and are from 25 through 49 years of age

Children less than 10 years old need two doses of vaccine to receive adequate immunity. These children need to wait at least 28 days before receiving the second dose.

Macomb County continues to receive additional shipments of vaccine regularly. Please visit the Web site, [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call the Macomb County flu hot line at 586.466.7923, regularly for updated clinic dates and locations.

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