

# News

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## **H1N1 vaccine clinics scheduled at Freedom Hill for Dec. 3 and Dec 5**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The Macomb County Health Department will hold two more community H1N1 vaccine clinics on Dec. 3 and Dec. 5 at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights. The Dec. 3 clinic will be held from noon to 7 p.m.; the clinic on Dec. 5 will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both the injectable and nasal spray immunization will be offered at no charge; the thimerosal-free version of the injectable vaccine will be available upon request, while supplies last. Pregnant women cannot be given the nasal spray vaccine.

Persons accompanying pregnant women to the clinics are also eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccine if they are living in her household and fall into one of 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 86,000 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.

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

### **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. Those children who received dose one of the vaccine through one of the Health Department clinics should have the card they were given that day with them for the second dose as well, so their records can be updated appropriately.

For additional information about the H1N1 flu, visit the Health Department's Web site at [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call its flu hot line at 586.466.7923.

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