

H1N1 Action: Time to Get Vaccinated

If you or the people with developmental disabilities in your home have not yet been vaccinated, now is the time. The supply of H1N1 vaccine has improved. Although you may think H1N1 has disappeared from your community, it remains a real threat and may resurge again later this winter. Everyone should get the vaccine as soon as it is available.

In this pandemic, individuals with developmental disabilities have been significantly impacted. Four out of the 6 deaths in children from 4/1 to 11/19 had a developmental disability. Adults have also been hospitalized and have died.

The limited supply of vaccine has been frustrating to everyone and availability has varied from community to community. It now appears that many communities have enough vaccine to cover the high priority group. You, as a health care worker, and people with developmental disabilities are in the high priority group. To protect your health and the health of those served in your home, it is recommended that you are vaccinated now.

Although it varies from community to community, contact your personal physician or your pharmacy for the vaccine. There also may be public flu clinics in your area, sponsored by your local health department.

If you have already been vaccinated, thank you. If you are still working to find the vaccine, thank you for your patience. If you have any questions about the vaccine or finding vaccine sites, please call the Flu Hotline at 1-800-978-3040.