

Maplewood H1N1 Vaccination Clinic – Sunday December 6, 2009

Important Changes to Previous Clinic Notices

(Nov. 19, 2009)

Due to continuing H1N1 vaccine shortages, the criteria for the Sunday December 6th, 1:00pm -4:00pm, H1N1 vaccination clinic are changed. **Preregistration is required for all clinics.**

We had originally planned for this clinic to be for second dose booster vaccinations for children age nine and under who had received a vaccination at least three weeks prior to this date. However, due to continuing H1N1 vaccine shortages, the Health Department will prioritize children in need of a first H1N1 vaccination. This is as per guidance from the Federal Centers for Disease Control and the NJ State Dept. of Health and Senior Services. But, the Health Department will provide second booster doses if all the spaces for the Dec. 6th clinic are not filled. (see below for clinic plans.)

Information from the State Health Department indicates that children nine and under who have received one dose of the H1N1 vaccine do indeed have an immune response that will help protect them from the H1N1 flu. But, second booster doses are still recommended as the vaccine becomes available.

The Clinic for Sunday December 6th will offer only the nasal spray vaccine. This vaccine is for healthy children starting at age 2 and young adults to age twenty four. This vaccine is also for healthy adults ages 25 to 49 who are parents or caregivers of children less than 6 months of age, spouses of pregnant women, and health care workers who perform direct patient care.

Preregistration is required and registration will begin on Monday November 30th.

Telephone 973-762-8120 x4400 or come to the Health Dept. office at the Town Hall to register. If you get the answering machine, please leave a short clear message with your name and phone number. We will return calls as soon as possible. We expect that the telephones will be very busy that day. You must speak directly with a Health Dept. nurse for prescreening to be registered.

As noted above children in need of a first vaccination will receive first registration priority.

Children in need of a second booster dose will be placed on a waiting list. Health Dept. staff will start calling back parents of children on the second booster dose waiting list beginning on Wednesday Dec. 2nd.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we endeavor to get the H1N1 vaccine out as fast as we can. I know that the situation can be frustrating. Also, the different types of H1N1 vaccine criteria can be confusing. Contact this office if there is any question.

The Health Department will be scheduling more H1N1 vaccination clinics in December.