



Village of Skokie

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Village of Skokie Update on Novel Influenza A (H1N1)

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The Village of Skokie Health Department continues to monitor the spread of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus in the Skokie community. Since the outbreak began in late April 2009, the Skokie Health Department has worked closely with Skokie schools and health care providers to ensure that necessary precautions and proactive measures are taken to protect the health and well-being of the community.

The United States anticipates a return of the novel H1N1 virus this fall, when the flu season officially begins in early October. The majority of the U.S. population does not have immunity to this virus and can expect to be susceptible to infection. The federal government has released information to local health officials, including Skokie, that there will likely be an adequate supply of novel H1N1 vaccine to immunize persons at risk of infection. As a result, the Village is working diligently with county, state and federal officials as well as Skokie health care organizations to prepare for a large-scale distribution of the vaccine beginning in mid- to late-October 2009.

The novel H1N1 vaccine is different from the seasonal flu vaccine; it is specifically created for the novel H1N1 virus and is aimed towards a younger population than the traditional flu vaccine. The initial target groups for novel H1N1 vaccination are:

- Pregnant women
- Children age 6 months – 18 years
- Household members and caregivers of children less than 6 months of age
- Adults age 19 – 24 years
- Adults age 25 – 64 years with underlying health problems
- Healthcare workers and EMS

Although plans are still in development, it is likely that novel H1N1 vaccine will be distributed through several sources including private physician offices, pharmacies, and public vaccination clinics. More information will be available over the next few months, and details will be widely disseminated as soon as they are known.

For more information on novel influenza A (H1N1) virus please visit the Centers for Disease Control web site at www.cdc.gov/swineflu. With other questions call the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

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