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Health District Expands Registration for H1N1 Vaccinations

The Central Connecticut Health District continues to accept registrations for novel H1N1 vaccination clinics. Due to the limited supply of vaccine at this time, only people at highest risk of developing influenza-related complications are eligible to register for vaccinations. The priority groups have expanded and additional people will now qualify for vaccination. There is no cost for the vaccination.

Registrations are now being accepted from individuals that are within one of the identified priority groups as noted below.

Injected vaccine will be available for the following priority groups:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age
- All children aged 6 months through 6 years
- Individuals aged 7 through 24 years with high risk medical conditions
- School nurses
- Adults aged 25 – 64 years with high risk chronic medical conditions (*NEW*)

Nasal mist vaccine will be available for the following priority groups:

- healthy children aged 2 through 24 years
- healthy household contacts and caregivers (who are 49 years old and younger) of infants who are 6 months of age or younger

*(NOTE: Nasal mist is **NOT** available for people with: chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions, kidney or liver disease, anemia or other blood disorders, cerebral palsy, weakened immune systems; women who are pregnant; anyone in close contact with a person with a severely weakened immune system; children or adolescents on long-term aspirin treatment.)*

Residents of Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield who fall into any of the above targeted categories and who would like to receive the H1N1 vaccination are invited to register with the Health District.

Registration is by telephone only; call 860-721-2815 and provide **ALL** requested information. Those who are registered for the vaccine will be notified of clinic time, place, and date on a first come, first serve basis.

Participants are encouraged to download the appropriate vaccination form (either nasal spray or injection) from the Health District's website: www.ccthd.org. Both forms may be completed partially and then printed; the rest of the form should be filled in using black or blue ink and brought to the designated clinic. We expect to hold clinics regularly as vaccine arrives. (Forms will also be available at the clinic.)

We ask members of the public who do not fall into these categories and who want to receive this vaccine to be patient until more vaccine becomes available. It is expected there will be enough vaccine available for anyone who wishes to receive it. For additional information about influenza or other public health topics, call the Central Connecticut Health District at 860-721-2822 or visit our web site at www.ccthd.org.