



Public Health Press Release

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H1N1 Vaccine to Arrive in Limited Supply

Jackson, Ca. Amador County Public Health has received confirmation that a limited amount of vaccine for the H1N1 flu strain will arrive soon. Although additional doses of H1N1 vaccine are scheduled for distribution later this month, the initial supply will be limited to about 400 doses of the FluMist version of the H1N1 vaccine.

With limited supply comes the necessity of prioritizing who in our community should be offered this small number of vaccinations first. Local priorities for offering this first shipment of vaccine will be two specific populations:

- 1) Children age 2 – 5 and
- 2) Caregivers, through age 49, of infants 6 months or younger.

Local medical providers who serve pediatric patients will be supporting Public Health in offering vaccinations to patients who fall within these priority groups. Additional H1N1 vaccine doses are slated to arrive later this month. After the arrival of the second shipment, which will include injectable forms, additional priority groups will be offered the vaccine administration. This will include pregnant women, who are not eligible for FluMist, and health care workers.

“Our Public Health Department is expecting to receive about 5000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine in various forms later this month,” stated Angel LeSage, Public Health Director. “We are in the planning process with Amador County Unified School District to provide additional school FluMist clinics using H1N1 nasal vaccine.”

“H1N1 continues to circulate and remains, for the majority of people, a mild illness similar to seasonal flu,” said Dr. Bob Hartmann, Amador County Health Officer. “The best prevention for both H1N1 and seasonal flu remains vaccination, washing your hands frequently, covering your cough and your sneeze and staying home if you are sick.”

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To stay up-to-date on current flu information and recommendations, visit the Public Health website: www.co.amador.ca.us/depts/public_health/. For more information or planning assistance, contact Amador County Public Health at 223-6407.