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### **Expanded Groups Can Receive H1N1 Flu Vaccine**

The Iowa Department of Public Health has expanded the priority groups who can now receive the H1N1 vaccine. The priority groups now include:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- **Persons 6 months through 24 years of age**
- **People from ages 25 through 64 years who have chronic medical conditions** such as heart disease, lung disease, asthma, kidney or liver disease, metabolic disease such as diabetes, anemia and other blood disorders, certain muscle or nerve disorders such as seizures or cerebral palsy, or weakened immune systems.

The next H1N1 flu vaccination clinic will be held on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-7:00 p.m. or until supply is depleted at the Public Health Office at Myrtue Medical Center, Harlan.

We are continuing to receive our H1N1 vaccine on a weekly basis and are following the recommendations of the Iowa Department of Public Health on who receives the vaccine. "We understand the concern that the public may feel and we want to assure everyone that we are working hard to get the vaccine out to the priority groups as soon as possible," said Jennifer Muff, Assistant Director of Public Health at Myrtue Medical Center. The goal is to distribute the vaccine as quickly as possible to all persons.

Please note: you need to wait at least 28 days between getting a seasonal flu mist and the H1N1 flu mist.

Listen to KNOD and watch for further information in the Harlan newspaper and on local cable channels as it becomes available. You may also go to Myrtue Medical Center's website at [www.myrtuemedical.org](http://www.myrtuemedical.org)

Because the supply is limited, Public Health will not be taking appointments at this time.