

H1N1 Swine Flu Awareness:

The Marion County Health Department will begin conducting H1N1 Swine Flu Vaccination Clinics in late October throughout November. See the Clinic Schedule below to find the clinic near your home.

Frequently Asked Questions from www.flu.gov :

Q. How will the decision be made to dismiss schools?

A. Decision to dismiss students will be made at the community level. School officials should work closely with their local and state public health and government officials to make sound decisions based on local decisions. The decision should consider:

- the number and severity of cases in an outbreak (looking at national, regional, and local data),
- the risks of flu spread and benefits of dismissal,
- the problems that school dismissal can cause for families and communities, and
- different types of dismissal (selective, reactive, and preemptive).

CDC may recommend preemptive dismissals based on information that the outbreak is becoming **more severe**. An increase in flu spread without an impact on disease outcomes will not lead to the use of preemptive dismissals in most cases.

Q. How would antivirals be used?

A. Antiviral drugs can treat influenza infection, shortening the length of illness and preventing complications. When administered within a certain time frame before or after exposure to the influenza virus, antivirals also can prevent influenza infection in people at risk or who have been in close contact with someone who is ill.

Q. Is there a risk of getting the flu from drinking water?

A. Tap water that has been treated by conventional disinfection processes does not likely pose a risk for catching influenza viruses.

Q. What are the signs and symptoms of H1N1 (swine) flu in people?

A. The symptoms of H1N1 (swine) flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with H1N1 (swine) flu. In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with H1N1 (swine) flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, H1N1 (swine) flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

In children emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held

- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

Q. Will the new H1N1 vaccine be safe, even for children?

A. CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that all children between 6 months and 18 years of age get the novel H1N1 vaccine. This is because there have been many cases of novel H1N1 influenza (flu) in children. They are also in close contact with each other in school and day care settings, which increases the likelihood of spreading the disease.

WHO SHOULD BE VACCINATED?

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the following groups should get the H1N1 Vaccination:

- Pregnant Women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency services personnel
- Persons between the ages of 6 months through 24 years of age
- People from ages 25 through 64 years who are at higher risk for novel H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems



The Coalition would recommend that child care providers strongly consider being vaccinated because of working closely with children and families.

Below is the schedule of H1N1 Flu Shot Clinics being conducted by the Marion County Health Department. Please choose the location closest to your home to ensure enough vaccine is available in each location and lines remain manageable.

CLINIC SCHEDULE 2009

| Site | Address | Day/Date | Clinic Hours |
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| Dunnellon Elementary | 10235 SW 180th Ave. Rd. Dunnellon, FL 34432 | Tuesday , October 27 | 5pm to 8pm |
| Bellevue High school | 10400 SE 36th Avenue Bellevue, FL 34420 | Thursday, October 29 | 5pm to 8pm |
| Forest High school | 5000 SE Maricamp Road Ocala, FL 34480 | Saturday, October 31 | 9am to 2pm |
| Lake Weir High school | 10351 SE Maricamp Road Ocala, FL 34472 | Tuesday, November 3 | 5pm to 8pm |
| North Marion High school | 151 West Highway 329 Citra, FL 32113 | Thursday, November 5 | 5pm to 8pm |
| Vanguard High school | 7 NW 28th Street Ocala, FL 34475 | Saturday, November 7 | 9am to 2pm |
| West Port High school | 3733 SW 80th Avenue Ocala, FL 34481 | Tuesday, November 10 | 5pm to 8pm |
| Bellevue High school | 10400 SE 36th Avenue Bellevue, FL 34420 | Thursday, November 12 | 5pm to 8pm |
| Lake Weir High school | 10351 SE Maricamp Road Ocala, FL 34472 | Saturday, November 14 | 9am to 2pm |
| Forest High school | 5000 SE Maricamp Road Ocala, FL 34480 | Tuesday, November 17 | 5pm to 8pm |
| Lake Weir High school | 10351 SE Maricamp Road Ocala, FL 34472 | Thursday, November 19 | 5pm to 8pm |
| North Marion High school | 151 West Highway 329 Citra, FL 32113 | Saturday, November 21 | 9am to 2pm |

This vaccination is FREE.

For further information contact the
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