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**H1N1 Vaccine Distribution Update**

The Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) will be receiving shipments of H1N1 vaccine beginning in October and continuing throughout this flu season. In total, CDC indicates that Rhode Island is estimated to receive more than 600,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine by the end of influenza season. Our goal is to vaccinate as many children and pregnant women first because they are two of the most vulnerable populations. HEALTH has planned for different populations to receive H1N1 vaccinations in specific venues. We urge Rhode Islanders to go to the specified locations for vaccination so that HEALTH can vaccinate the most people in the least amount of time. See the table below to see when and where you will be able to get vaccinated. Based on the type and timing of vaccine deliveries from the federal government, this information may change.

Population	Vaccination Location	Type of Vaccine Given	Estimated Number of Rhode Islanders	Estimated Starting Date for Vaccination
Pregnant women	Birthing hospitals, OB/GYNs, midwives	Injectable	10,000	Mid-October
Children (6 months through 5 years)*	Pediatricians, family practitioners	Intranasal (healthy, 2-5 years); injectable for others	54,000	Mid-October
School-age children (K-12; public, private, parochial and home schooled)*	School-based clinics	Injectable	150,000	Early November
Young adults (age 19 through 24)	University/college-based clinics, public clinics	Injectable or intranasal	60,000	Early December
Household contacts/caregivers of infants younger than 6 months	Provider offices, public clinics	Injectable	Included in other population estimates	Early December
Adults (age 25 through 64) with underlying medical conditions	Provider offices, public clinics	Injectable	142,000	Early December
Healthcare workers and first responders with direct patient care	Healthcare Service Region (HSR) hospital-run clinics	Injectable	40,000	Early December
Elderly (over age 65)	Public clinics	Injectable	149,000	Early January
Healthy adults (age 25 through 64)	Public clinics	Injectable or intranasal	425,000	Mid-January

\* Children **younger than** ten years of age will need two doses of vaccine, at least 28 days apart.