



News Release

Department of Health and Wellness

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H1N1 Nasal Vaccine Available for Healthy 2-24 year olds

Fulton County Health Department Raises Age Limit to Vaccinate More Young People

The Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness has raised the age limit for individuals wanting to get the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine. Starting Wednesday, October 21, 2009,

- healthy children ages 2-17 and their healthy caregivers up to age 49
- and healthy young adults, ages 18-24

can get the nasal spray vaccine to protect against the H1N1 flu virus. The vaccine is available at eight county health centers.

The nasal spray is not for everyone. This form of vaccine contains a “live” agent that could cause complications for pregnant women and people with chronic diseases. Residents are asked to be sensitive to the need to protect those most at risk.

It is anticipated that more vaccine will be delivered as it is manufactured. Fulton County residents can learn the status of vaccine availability by logging on to www.fultoncountygahealth.org.

In Fulton, the vaccines are available at eight health centers –

North Fulton Regional Health Center 3155 Royal Drive, Suite 125 Alpharetta, GA 30004 (404) 332-1958	Adamsville Health Center 3699 Bakers Ferry Rd., S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30331 (404) 699-4215
Sandy Springs Health Center 330 Johnson Ferry Rd., N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30328 (404) 303-6162	Center Hill Health Center 3201 Atlanta Industrial Pkwy, N.W., Ste 302 Atlanta, Georgia 30331 (404) 699-6370
The Center for Health and Rehabilitation 265 Boulevard, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30312 (404) 730-5835	Neighborhood Union Health Center 186 Sunset Ave., N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30318 (404) 612-4665
Lakewood Health Center 1853 Jonesboro Rd., S.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30315 (404) 624-0626	College Park Regional Health Center 1920 John Wesley Ave. College Park, Georgia 30337 (404) 765-4155

Several private providers have registered with the state to administer the vaccine. Log-on to www.health.state.ga.us or call 1-888-416-1463 for a list of registered providers.



RED ALERT BULLETIN

ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Health Services

October 26, 2009

Novel H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu) Update

Flu activity has continued to increase across the United States and is now widespread in 46 states; however, health officials are reporting that the severity of the Novel H1N1 Influenza remains the same as seasonal flu. Parents, staff and healthcare providers continue to report cases of flu-like illness across our school district. H1N1 continues to affect more school-aged children disproportionately; therefore, it is important that we continue good general health prevention and hygiene practices; internal surveillance efforts; and other interventions to help keep our students, staff, and community healthy.

- ◆ The Atlanta Public Schools Health Services Office is continuing collaborations with the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness *and* the DeKalb County Board of Health Epidemiology Offices in close surveillance (tracking and monitoring) of school absentee rates for clusters of illness of 10% or greater at any site; and for guidance on decisions regarding mass notification and school closures.
- ◆ We are continuing our efforts to educate schools on ways to reduce disease transmission (i.e., hand washing (**soap and paper towels should be available in all restrooms**), covering coughs with tissue or coughing into the elbow area (**not hands**), routinely disinfecting commonly shared surfaces (door knobs, stair rails, keyboards, etc.); *and* continuing to observe students/staff for signs and symptoms of flu-like illness (**including strict adherence to exclusion policies for students and staff with flu-like symptoms**).

Exclusion Guidelines (Students and Staff)

Send home students or staff exhibiting flu-like symptoms for immediate medical attention/treatment;

Stay home if you are exhibiting signs and symptoms of the flu (see below); and

Remain home for at least 24 hours *after* there is no fever, **without** taking fever-reducing drugs and until you feel better.

- ◆ APS is working to develop strategies / plans for continuing the learning process in case of extended absence and/or school closure (i.e. preparing take-home assignments now, Internet and telephone communication to conduct classes, post homework, share information, and keep in touch).
- ◆ **The H1N1 Nasal Vaccine is now available through local Fulton County Health Centers and several private providers (See Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness News Release).**

How Can Parents Help?

- ◆ Have your child vaccinated against the regular seasonal flu. Fulton County expects to receive more seasonal flu vaccine soon. Please call your local health center for vaccine availability. However, some private providers and local pharmacies (i.e. Kroger, Publix, Walgreen's, etc.) throughout metro Atlanta have the seasonal flu vaccine for a cost of \$25.
- ◆ Keep sick children home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- ◆ Keep your child's school informed! Early reporting facilitates early action in the schools.
- ◆ Once your child feels better, communicate with teachers and school staff to plan for your child to work at home until they return to school.

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) has developed an H1N1 hotline phone number for Georgia citizens. The H1N1 hotline phone number is 1-888-H1N1-INFO (1-888-416-1463). (Please note that the 8th digit after the area code drops automatically after you punch in the other numbers.) The hotline is now operational from 8 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

For more information, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> or <http://www.flu.gov/>; or you can connect with the CDC on social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, or YouTube.

GET YOUR H1N1 VACCINE NOW!

H1N1 Nasal Vaccinations are now available



Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness is offering H1N1 Nasal Vaccine to healthy individuals at 8 of its health centers from 8:30am until 5:00pm.

Adamsville Health Center, 3699 Bakers Ferry Rd., SW, Atlanta, 404-699-4215

Center for Health & Rehabilitation, 265 Boulevard., NE, Atlanta, 404-730-5835

Center Hill Health Center, 3201 Atlanta Industrial Pkwy., Atlanta, 404-699-6370

**College Park Regional Health Center, 1920 John E. Wesley Ave.,
College Park, 404-765-4155**

Neighborhood Union Health Center, 186 Sunset Ave., NW, 404-612-4665

North Fulton Regional Health Center, 3155 Royal Drive, Alpharetta, 404-332-1834

Lakewood Health Center 1853 Jonesboro Rd., SE, Atlanta, 404-624-0626

Sandy Spring Health Center, 330 Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Atlanta, 404-303-6162

Following groups of healthy people SHOULD be vaccinated:

- * Healthy Children ages 2 to 17 years of age and their care givers up to age 49.**
- * Healthy young adults 18 to 24 years of age.**

**Visit one of our health centers listed
and get your H1N1 Nasal Vaccine
TODAY!**



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