



Town of Darien

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H1N1 Flu Vaccine Status Report

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We have been receiving many calls from people wanting to know when H1N1 vaccine will be available. There has been considerable media attention given to this flu so public concerns are high. Unfortunately, there still is only a limited amount of vaccine available at this time and as a result, the State and Federal Government have established a priority list for individuals eligible to receive the vaccine until supplies are more plentiful. It is important to realize that this is a national situation; it is not localized to Connecticut or Darien. Every section of the country is facing the same difficulty.

FluMist nasal spray: is available in limited amounts but its use is restricted to:

- Healthy children age 2 through 18 years
- Healthy household contacts and caregivers of infants less than 6 months old.
- Healthy hospital healthcare workers and EMS personnel

Injectable vaccine: is less available than the nasal spray and its use is restricted to:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers of infants less than 6 months old
- All children aged 6 months through 6 years (83 months)
- Children age 7 through 18 years with high risk medical conditions
- Hospital healthcare workers and EMS personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious materials.

Darien has ordered but not received sufficient amounts of vaccine to hold open clinics as yet. The very limited amount of vaccine we have received is already committed to those in the categories described above with strong emphasis being placed on vaccinating children with pre-existing high risk medical conditions such as asthma and pregnant women.

If you or a family member is in the above priority group, call this office at 203-656-7320. We are compiling a list and will contact you when we can schedule an appointment for your vaccination.

Once the above target population has been served, the next level of priority will be school-aged children. Our discussions with the Darien School Superintendent have focused on organizing clinics in schools. Unfortunately, it would be premature to schedule those clinics without knowing when sufficient vaccine will be available.

OPEN CLINICS WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL VACCINE IS WIDELY AVAILABLE.

We will provide notification of vaccine availability through www.darienct.gov & other media outlets.

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