

Availability Opens to Everyone Seeking H1N1 Flu Vaccine

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Bakersfield – Kern County Public Health announces they will be opening up the availability of the H1N1 Flu vaccine to the general public. These H1N1 Flu vaccination clinics will be offered at no cost to the public.

“Although we are now opening up the eligibility criteria, it is still very important for those who are at highest risk to come for a vaccination,” said Dr. Claudia Jonah, Kern County Health Officer.

Dr. Jonah adds, “The high risk target groups for H1N1 Flu Vaccine include:

- Children 6 months to 24 years; (10-24 years first & only dose needed and 9 years or younger first or second dose.)
- Pregnant Women;
- Caregivers of children 6 months of age and younger;
- Persons with Underlying Health Conditions 25 years to 64 years; and
- Healthcare Workers and Emergency Medical Workers.”

The following is a schedule of the upcoming clinics. The public is reminded that supplies are limited and all clinics are subject to postponement depending on availability of vaccine or weather conditions. The public is also reminded to check Kern County Public Health’s web site <http://www.co.kern.ca.us/health/> for the most current updates on both clinics and vaccine availability information or call 1-877-81VIRUS.

Planned H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinics include:

- Tuesday, December 8 from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Arvin High School Cafeteria.
 - o 900 Varsity Road, Arvin, CA
- Tuesday, December 8 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Kernville Odd Fellows Hall.
 - o Tobias Street, Kernville, CA
- Wednesday, December 9 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Las Vina Middle School Gymnasium.
 - o 1331 Browning Road, Delano, CA

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- Thursday, December 10 from 1 pm to 4 pm at Las Flores Elementary School Cafeteria.
 - o 720 West Las Flores Avenue, Ridgecrest, CA
- Thursday, December 10 from 2 pm to 5 pm at the Westside Recreation and Park District Auditorium.
 - o 500 Cascade Place, Taft, CA
- Friday, December 11 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Lamont Boys and Girls Club.
 - o 8301 Segrue Road, Lamont, CA
- Saturday, December 12 from 9 am to 12 pm at the Bakersfield Adult School.
 - o 501 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

Public Health is planning more clinics through out Kern County and will release those dates and locations as details and vaccine are confirmed.

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