



DOUGLAS COUNTY **HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

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DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON FLU ACTIVITY UPDATE 10/29/09 | 4:00 PM

H1N1 Activity

The Oregon Department of Human Services, Public Health Division, reports that the pandemic H1N1 strain continues to spread in Oregon. Between September 1 and October 28, 584 hospitalizations and 15 deaths with positive lab tests for influenza were reported in Oregon. During this same period in Douglas County, 14 hospitalizations and 1 death with a positive lab test for influenza were reported. More information about flu activity is available on the Oregon Department of Human Services website at www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/acd/swineflu_investigation.shtml.

Nationally, all subtyped influenza A viruses reported to CDC during the week of October 11-17, 2009 were influenza A (H1N1) viruses. For more detailed flu activity information visit, www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly.

H1N1 Vaccine

A total of 4,000 doses have arrived in Douglas County to date. Douglas County Public Health expects another 4,100 doses to arrive in the first week of November, which will be made available to registered H1N1 vaccine providers and to priority groups at four planned clinics.

All Oregon health departments have been requested by DHS to use at least 30% of the county's vaccine allocation to provide clinics to serve priority groups that are not served by an enrolled H1N1 vaccine provider or are uninsured. The priority groups are:

- Everyone aged 6 months to 24 years;
- Pregnant women;
- People caring for, or living with infants, under 6 months of age;
- People aged 25-64 who have health conditions that may put them at risk for complications from influenza – such as asthma, immune deficiencies, lung or heart disease, and diabetes;
- Health care workers and emergency medical service providers;
- Law enforcement officers and firefighters who have frequent physical contact with the public as part of their usual work;
- Correction personnel in state prisons, local jails, and juvenile correctional facilities who come into contact with adult or juvenile offenders;
- Public safety emergency telecommunications workers, including 911 call-takers and dispatchers.

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Douglas County Public health has scheduled four clinics to serve these priority groups only:

H1N1 Priority Group Vaccination Clinics				
<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Doses Available</i>
Reedsport	Fri, Nov 6	Reedsport City Hall/Community Center 451 Winchester Ave.	3:00-4:30 PM	300
Roseburg	Mon, Nov 9	Douglas County Fairgrounds Douglas Hall	3:00-5:00 PM	900
Drain	Thu, Nov 12	Drain Civic Center 205 West "A" St.	3:00-4:30 PM	350
Canyonville	Fri, Nov 13	Canyonville Elementary School Gym 124 N. Main St.	3:30-5:00 PM	350

The Veteran's Medical Center, Cow Creek Tribe, State Department of Corrections, Oregon National Guard, Oregon State Hospital, and Oregon Youth Authority receive their own H1N1 vaccine allocations to vaccinate their respective populations.

Should I go to the Emergency Room?

According to the CDC, people should only seek care in the emergency room if they are very sick. If you have the emergency warning signs of flu sickness, that's when you should go to the emergency room. If you get sick with flu symptoms and are at high risk of flu complications or you are concerned about your illness, call your health care provider for advice. People who don't have access to healthcare may call the Oregon Flu Hotline to talk with a health information specialist at 1-800-978-3040.

H1N1 & Seasonal Flu Information

Please refer all inquiries to the public information lines and websites:

Oregon Flu Hotline (toll-free) 1-800-978-3040 – for information and referral. **People who don't have access to healthcare may call the Oregon Flu Hotline to talk with a health information specialist at 1-800-978-3040.**

- **Oregon Flu Website** www.flu.oregon.gov for up-to-date information.
- **Health Department Website** www.co.douglas.or.us/health for news releases and for links to resources.
- **Health Department Flu Info Line** 464-3815

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