



# DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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## DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON H1N1 & SEASONAL VACCINE CLINIC AND ACTIVITY UPDATE 12/8/09 | 1:00 PM

### H1N1 Priority Group Vaccination Clinic

The State of Oregon and Douglas County Public Health are partnering with Community Immunization Provider *GetAFluShot.com* to hold a clinic to provide H1N1 vaccine to the current priority populations.

### H1N1 Priority Group Vaccination Clinic

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Doses</i>
Roseburg	Saturday, Dec 12	Douglas County Fairgrounds Douglas Hall	10 AM-4 PM	600

- There is no charge to receive the H1N1 vaccination. Persons with health insurance should bring their insurance ID cards or proof of coverage to assist in the completion of forms.
- No co-payments will be collected from anyone with insurance.
- Various insurance will be accepted to cover the administration of the H1N1 vaccine, including: Regence BlueCross BlueShield, Cigna, Group Health Cooperative, Care Oregon, Clear Choice, ODS, Uniform Medical Plan of Washington and Aetna.
- No one will be denied an H1N1 vaccination due to lack of coverage.
- To find other H1N1 vaccine opportunities, call 1-800-978-3040 or go to [www.flu.oregon.gov](http://www.flu.oregon.gov).

H1N1 vaccine continues to be delivered to Douglas County on a weekly basis with an average of 1,000-3,000 doses coming each week. “The December 12 vaccine clinic is a Saturday opportunity for people in the initial priority groups that have not been vaccinated, to get vaccinated,” said Dawnelle Marshall, RN, Douglas County Public Health Director. People age 6 months through 64 years with chronic medical conditions are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated as they are more likely to be hospitalized or die from H1N1. Children age 6 months through 9 years of age who need their recommended second dose of H1N1 vaccine may receive it at the clinic on December 12th, if it has been 28 days since the first dose.

Oregon continues to follow CDC’s guidance to prioritize individuals who are at greatest risk. The priority groups, in no particular order, include:

- Children and young adults aged 6 months to 24 years
- Pregnant women

- People caring for, or living with infants, under 6 months of age
- Adults 25-64 with chronic 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
- Front line law enforcement, corrections workers, firefighters, and 911 communications

*GetAFluShot.com* will also provide opportunity for seasonal flu vaccine at this clinic. Cost is \$30.00; cash or check or some insurance is accepted. For more information see their website at [www.getaflushot.com](http://www.getaflushot.com).

### **H1N1 Activity**

Between September 1 and 1:30 PM on December 4, 2009, 1,258 hospitalizations and 57 deaths with positive lab tests for influenza were reported in Oregon. During this same period in Douglas County, 41 hospitalizations and 3 deaths with positive lab tests for influenza were reported. Current statistics and more information about flu activity are available on the Oregon Department of Human Services website at [flu.oregon.gov](http://flu.oregon.gov) [Flu Statistics](#).

### **Where can I get more information?**

- **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](http://www.flu.oregon.gov) for up-to-date information.
- **Health Department Website** [www.co.douglas.or.us/health](http://www.co.douglas.or.us/health) for news releases and for links to resources.
- **Health Department Flu Info Line** 541-464-3815

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