

H1N1 VACCINATION CLINICS IN HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: My child cannot attend the clinic at his/her own school due to a scheduling conflict. Can my child go to another school's vaccination clinic?

Answer: Yes, return your consent form to the school where the clinic is being held that you would like your child to attend. Please follow that school's deadline date to return the form.

Question: What if my child is sick/ill?

Answer: If you are moderately or severely ill, you might be advised to wait until you recover before getting the vaccine. If you have a mild cold or other illness, there is usually no need to wait.

Question: What is the cost of the H1N1 vaccine for students?

Answer: The vaccine will be free to Horry County Schools' students.

Question: Can other children in my household, not enrolled in Horry County Schools, attend one of the clinics offered in the schools?

Answer: No, these clinics scheduled in Horry County Schools' are only for enrolled students.

Question: Will HCS staff be vaccinated?

Answer: Not at this time, the clinics scheduled are for students only. DHEC may be able to offer the vaccine to staff at a later date.

Question: What is DHEC's H1N1 hotline number for questions?

Answer: 843-915-8810

Question: If my child has had flu-like illness since the Spring of 2009 should he/she receive the H1N1 vaccine?

Answer: If your child has been ill but you don't know if he/she had 2009 H1N1 infection, he/she should get vaccinated, if your doctor recommends it. Most people recommended for 2009 H1N1 vaccination should be vaccinated with the 2009 H1N1 vaccine regardless of whether they had a flu-like illness earlier in the year. If you have had 2009 H1N1 flu, as confirmed by an RT-PCR test, you should have some immunity against 2009 H1N1 flu and can choose not to get the 2009 H1N1 vaccine. However, vaccination of a person with some existing immunity to the 2009 H1N1 virus will not be harmful.

Question: Can I receive the seasonal flu and H1N1 vaccine on the same day?

Answer: Seasonal influenza vaccine and H1N1 can be given on the same day with these three caveats:

1. If both vaccines (seasonal and H1N1) are inactivated (shots) they can be given on the same day, but in different arms.
 2. If one vaccine is the nasal spray H1N1 (LAIV-partially live vaccine), then the inactivated seasonal vaccine shot can also be given.
 3. If both vaccines (H1N1 and seasonal are nasal spray (LAIV -partially live), then 4 weeks must elapse between the 2 nasal sprays.
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Question: Will there be a make-up clinic?

Answer: There will be no makeup days to receive shots for those who miss the scheduled school clinics.

Question: For children needing the second H1N1 vaccination, will that clinic be made available at school?

Answer: Yes

Question: Can people who are allergic to eggs receive the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine?

Answer: You should NOT get 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine if you have a severe allergy to eggs or to any other substance in the vaccine. Tell the person administering the vaccine if you have any severe allergies.
