

District Health Department #4

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Health Department Expanding Those Eligible to Receive H1N1 Vaccine

District Health Department #4 has now been receiving vaccine regularly and now can expand clinics to include more individuals. Those that are able to receive the vaccine are:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- People between the ages of 6 months through 24 years old
- People between 25 through 64 years of age with chronic health conditions or weakened immune systems
- Health care providers with direct patient contact

The Health Department is scheduling for clinics at District Health Department #4 on:

Thursday, November 5, 2009, from 11:30-6:15 pm in Alpena
Friday, November 6, 2009 from 9:30-4:15 in Cheboygan
Monday, November 9, 2009 from 9:30-2:45 pm in Atlanta
Monday, November 9, 2009 from 9:00-2:15 pm in Rogers City

Community clinics will be by appointment only and will only be for the priority groups listed above.

Please NOTE: The CDC is producing a limited amount of injectable vaccine. There are certain high risk categories that can only be given the injectable vaccine. This includes pregnant women, children younger than 2 years of age; children and adolescents 6 months through 18 years of age with chronic medical conditions. Injectable vaccine will be prioritized for this group of people.

At this time, FluMist is more readily available. Until the population of people who must get the injectable vaccine have an opportunity to be vaccinated, only FluMist will be available for the rest of the high risk population who do not have any contraindications to receiving it. You may have to decide whether to get the FluMist or wait until when/if the injectable vaccine becomes available for mass distribution.

Keep in mind, the best line of defense against the spread of the flu is frequent hand washing or use

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of hand sanitizer and covering your cough or sneeze with an elbow. If you or your child has a fever, sore throat, diarrhea or vomiting, **STAY HOME**. Reschedule appointments you may have if you are sick to prevent further spread of disease.

To schedule an appointment please contact your local District Health Department #4: Alpena-989-356-4507, Atlanta-989-785-4428, Cheboygan-231-627-8850, Rogers City-989-734-4723. Call between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

We encourage local residents to access the health department's website at dhd4.org for the most up-to-date information with regards to H1N1 vaccination clinics, which also includes consent forms and vaccine information.