



# **CHCHD News**

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## **Health Department Receives Additional 1500 Doses of H1N1 FluMist**

Chattanooga, TN- The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department has received an additional 1,500 doses of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine in the FluMist (nasal spray) formulation. 2009 H1N1 FluMist is appropriate for healthy, non-pregnant individuals between the ages of 2 and 49. The Health Department is currently making appointments for the H1N1 FluMist vaccine for individuals in the CDC-identified priority groups eligible for 2009 H1N1 FluMist. The H1N1 flu vaccine will be provided at no charge.

The CDC-identified priority groups the Health Department is making appointments for are individuals who:

- Are from 2 through 24 years of age
- Are from 25 through 49 years of age and
  - Live with or care for infants younger than 6 months
  - Are healthcare or emergency medical personnel

“Our goal is to ultimately make the vaccine available to everyone in our community,” says Becky Barnes, Health Department Administrator. “Vaccine demand is hard to predict, but these 1,500 additional doses will allow us to continue our vaccination campaign so that we can protect more people,” Barnes continues.

Appointments can be made for those in the high risk groups by calling 209-8393. The phone lines will be open today until 4pm. The hotline will also be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Appointments will be made for Tuesday (Oct 13<sup>th</sup>) through Friday (Oct16<sup>th</sup>), 11:00am to 7:00pm and Saturday (Oct 17<sup>th</sup>) 9:00am to 5:00pm, for our Eastgate Town Center vaccination clinic location.

The Health Department will continue to announce future H1N1 vaccination clinics and vaccine shipments through the media, our website, [health.hamiltontn.org](http://health.hamiltontn.org), and our Twitter account- @HamiltonHealth.

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