

October 26, 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Update

MDA #33, which includes both the Manchester and Glastonbury Health Departments, will begin administering H1N1 influenza vaccine on a limited basis to those residents who fit the priority criteria specified within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidelines. They include the following groups/individuals:

- Pregnant Women
- Those living in households containing infants less than six months old. (Infants less than six months cannot be immunized for H1N1 influenza.)
- Those overseeing the care of infants less than 6 months old
- Health care workers and emergency medical personnel (Health care employees are encouraged to check with their employers for vaccine availability before contacting either health department.)
- Children 6 months to 6 years old
- Children under 19 years of age with high-risk medical conditions

Both town health departments keep a priority list of eligible individuals who will first be called for appointments as specific H1N1 serum becomes available. Those who fall outside these categories are asked to wait for further information surrounding the vaccine's availability before seeking a health department appointment. Residents will be given updates on an ongoing basis.

Obstetric patients and parents of pediatric residents within both communities are also encouraged to contact their physician to determine whether H1N1 vaccines are available through their doctor's office. It is expected that other health care agencies will also use a priority system during initial vaccine distribution, similar to that of the health departments.

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<http://www.glasct.org/index.aspx?page=117>