

H1N1 UPDATE

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Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene Opens This Evening's Flu Clinic to More People

H1N1 Second Phase Approved by State, More Seasonal Flu Vaccines Received

(Keene, NH, 11/18/2009 9:07 AM) — Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene will expand its Seasonal and H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinic scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Auditorium on the Lobby Level of the Main Entrance) because the state has approved Phase II individuals for H1N1 vaccinations and it has received a new supply of seasonal flu vaccine.

Seasonal flu shots will now be available for:

- Children under 6 months to 18 years old

H1N1 Vaccinations will be available for patients in NH's Phase I category:

- Pregnant women and their partners
- Health care workers with direct patient care (Please bring identification such as your employee name badge)
- Children 6 months – 18 yrs with chronic illness including asthma, diabetes, heart and lung problems, or any immuno-suppression illnesses

H1N1 Vaccinations will be available to patients in NH's Phase II category.

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- All children 6 months – 4 years old
- Young adults up to age 24 with chronic illnesses
- Persons caring for or living with infants less than 6 months old

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has established a statewide vaccination plan for H1N1 Flu due to short supplies. The second phase of the vaccination schedule was approved today. This schedule establishes phases to ensure that those at the highest risk of flu complications are the first to receive vaccinations. As more vaccine becomes available, we will offer additional clinics

For more information, treatment resources, or other assistance, call 2-1-1 (in NH) or 1-866-444-4211 (all other states) any time of day or visit www.211nh.org. You can also visit websites for Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene (CMD/DHK) (www.cheshiremed.org) or the Greater Monadnock Public Health Network (GMPHN) (<http://co.cheshire.nh.us/PublicHealth/>). CMC/DHK and GMPHN work together to plan and protect public health and safety in concert with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (www.nh.gov/h1n1). Together CMC/DHK and GMPHN will offer updates on flu season preventions and precautions for the Monadnock Region.

For flu clinic information any time of day or night, call Cheshire Medical/Center Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene's information lines.

Seasonal Flu vaccine info: 354-5405 Option #1
H1N1 Flu vaccine info: 354-5405 Option #2
Pediatric Flu Clinic Hotline: 354-6665