

H1N1 UPDATE

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Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene Plans Next H1N1 Flu Clinic for 12/5

(Keene, NH, 11/30/2009) — Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene will hold its next H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Auditorium on the Lobby Level of the Main Entrance for specific populations.

CHILDREN

H1N1 flu vaccines (Phase I & II)

- All children and young adults 6 months – 24 years of age with chronic illnesses
- All children who live with infants under 6 months old
- All healthy children 6 months to 4 years
- Healthy children 2-18 years old living with a child with a chronic illness (mist vaccine)

ADULTS

H1N1 flu vaccines (Phase I & II)

- Pregnant women and their partners
- Direct care healthcare workers and emergency responders with ID
- Persons caring for or living with infants under 6 months old
- Healthy adults (no chronic illnesses) who have children with chronic illnesses (mist vaccine)

A limited amount of seasonal flu vaccines may also be available for children and adults at this clinic. This is the only flu clinic scheduled at the hospital the week of November 30th.

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has established a statewide vaccination plan for H1N1 due to short supplies. This schedule establishes phases to ensure that those at the highest risk of flu complications are the first to receive vaccinations. As more

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vaccine becomes available, we will offer additional clinics. (For more information visit:

www.nh.gov/H1N1)

In the beginning of the vaccine distribution process there won't be enough vaccine for everyone all at once. The groups at most risk of serious complications or death from the flu are encourage to get the vaccine first, including pregnant women, children with medical conditions, plus health care workers and first responders with direct patient contact. There will be three phases of vaccinating those considered to be at risk. The fourth phase of the vaccination plan is for the general public.

For more flu information, treatment resources, or other assistance, call 2-1-1 (in NH) or 1-866-444-4211 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 or visit its website at www.cheshiremed.org.

Seasonal Flu vaccine info: 354-5405 Option #1

H1N1 Flu vaccine info: 354-5405 Option #2

Pediatric Flu Clinic Hotline: 354-6665

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