



Dutchess County Department of Health Public Health Advisory*

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DCDOH Urges Healthcare Providers to Register Now for Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

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Please Distribute to Healthcare Providers, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Primary Care, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Laboratory Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care, and Infection Control staff.

- Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) urges providers to register now for the Novel H1N1 Vaccine at <https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub/top.html>
- Health care providers are advised to recommend to their patients to get the seasonal vaccine now and the novel H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available.
- Insurers must cover seasonal flu and novel H1N1 vaccinations for children who are aged 19 and younger and enrolled in comprehensive health plans.
- Dutchess County Department of Health will need the assistance of area providers to ensure residents are vaccinated against both seasonal and H1N1 influenza. Please email healthinfo@co.dutchess.ny.us or call 845.486.3409 if you have any questions.

Please see http://www.ny.gov/governor/press/press_0918092.html to review Governor Patterson's release in its entirety.

The State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is coordinating the distribution of novel H1N1 flu vaccine in New York State, with the assistance of county health departments. Health care providers who want to provide vaccine for their patients must pre-register now on the NYSDOH website - <https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub/top.html>.

NYSDOH recently provided instructions to pediatric and adult health care providers outside of New York City on how to register to receive the novel H1N1 vaccine, and such providers can find more information at www.nyhealth.gov.

Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) urges all residents to get vaccinated now for seasonal flu and urges high-risk priority groups to be first in line to get the new H1N1 flu vaccine when it becomes available.

Priority groups include pregnant women, health care workers, caregivers and household contacts of infants less than six months of age, children and young people between six months and 24 years of age, and individuals between the ages 25 of 64 who have underlying medical conditions. As more vaccine becomes available, other New Yorkers will be able to get vaccinated. The vaccine will be distributed through many community sites across the State.

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