



# **Marion County**

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### **H1N1 Vaccine – UPDATE**

This week's allotted appointments for H1N1 vaccine at Marion County Health Department (MCHD) have been filled. We will begin taking calls for appointments for people in the priority groups to receive the H1N1 vaccine (listed below) again beginning at 8:30a.m. on Monday October 26, 2009. The appointment number is 503-584-4870.

People who wish to receive the H1N1 vaccine should first call their health care provider to see if they can schedule an appointment with them. If their provider does not have the vaccine they can call MCHD. People who fit into the priority groups who do not have a medical provider or medical insurance may also call MCHD to schedule an appointment.

The number of appointments is based on how many vaccine doses are available. Once the allotted number of appointments has been filled, we will ask people to call back at a later time. "At this time, the vaccine shipments are unpredictable," explains Dr. Karen Landers, Marion County Health Officer. "Scheduling appointments based on the number of vaccine doses we currently have is the best way to ensure that the people who have an appointment will get vaccinated. Eventually there will be enough vaccine for everyone who wants it; however, it will take some time."

At this time, H1N1 vaccine through MCHD is only available to people who fit into the priority groups designated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The priority groups are:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age
- Children from 6 months through 18 years of age, young adults 19 through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

We understand how frustrating it is in the face of limited vaccine; we appreciate your patience. Please continue to check our website for up-to-date information regarding the H1N1 vaccine in Marion County or call 503-584-4870.

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