

UPDATE
October 21, 2009

Prince William Health District has been notified that because of production delays, the amount of novel H1N1 vaccine available for distribution is less than expected, and is likely to remain so for at least the next several weeks.

As a result of the slower than expected release of novel H1N1 vaccine, plans for vaccination clinics have been revised. As a result, it may take longer to complete our vaccination efforts.

The Hillendale Fire House vaccination clinic has been cancelled until further notice.

The Manassas Mall vaccination clinic will NOT be open on Wednesday October 21, Friday October 23rd, and Saturday October 24th.

The Manassas Mall will be open for Monday October 26th from 3pm until 7pm. This clinic will only be able to provide the Live Attenuated Intranasal Vaccine (LAIV) also known as FluMist.

LAIV is not appropriate for all individuals. Individuals in the following groups should NOT receive 2009 H1N1 LAIV:

- ◇ Children younger than 2 years
- ◇ Adults 50 years and older
- ◇ Pregnant women
- ◇ Anyone with a weakened immune system
- ◇ Anyone with a long-term health problem such as: heart disease, kidney or liver disease, lung disease, metabolic disease such as diabetes, asthma, anemia or other blood disorders
- ◇ Children younger than 5 years with asthma or one or more episodes of wheezing during the past year
- ◇ Anyone with certain muscle or nerve disorders (such as cerebral palsy) that can lead to breathing or swallowing problems or a history of nose bleeds
- ◇ Anyone in close contact with a person with a severely weakened immune system (requiring care in a protected environment, such as a bone marrow transplant unit)
- ◇ Children or adolescents on long-term aspirin treatment
- ◇ If you are moderately or severely ill, you might be advised to wait until you recover before getting the vaccine. If you have a mild cold or other illness, there is usually no need to wait.

Information regarding when clinics will open or closed and the type of vaccine available will be posted on our website at www.pwcgov.org/h1n1 and on the health department information line (703-792-6345).

We are working to use the vaccine available to vaccinate our priority populations as quickly as possible.

The Prince William Health Department is working closely with our community partners, to make sure that all individuals in priority populations will have an opportunity to receive the novel H1N1 vaccine.

In addition, members of the public can contact their health care provider to see if they registered to receive the vaccine and whether they have received their supply.

We appreciate your patience with this very fluid situation.