

Will there be a second round H1N1 vaccination clinic?

Hamilton County Public Health will hold a second round H1N1 vaccination clinic at a central school location (to be determined) in your area in mid-January. The clinic is open to children nine and under who need a flu vaccination booster (second dose) and also to those school children (Kindergarten through grade 12) who missed the first round vaccination clinic (for any reason). In addition, it is open to all school staff (including teachers, substitute teachers, and all other support staff) who would like to receive the vaccination.

Can anyone come to the second round H1N1 vaccination clinic?

The clinic will be open only to:

1. Students kindergarten through 9 years of age who need second dose.
2. Students who did not attend the first round H1N1 vaccination clinic for any reason (illness, vacation, originally declined vaccination, etc). This includes children who received their first dose elsewhere and still need a second dose.
3. All Staff (teachers, substitute teachers and all other support staff).

Do students have to attend a certain school to be eligible?

Students in kindergarten through grade 12 who attend a school under the jurisdiction of Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH serves all schools in Hamilton County with the exception of those in Springdale, Sharonville, Norwood and the city of Cincinnati). If your child attends a school located outside of Hamilton County or in Springdale, Sharonville, Norwood or Cincinnati, you should contact the health department responsible for the schools that city or county.

Who needs a second dose?

For children 9 and under, two doses of the H1N1 vaccine are needed for full immunity, however partial immunity is achieved with just one dose. A minimum of 28 days must separate the two doses, however the child can still receive the booster up until the end of flu season (flu season runs through April). If the booster is not received this flu season, there is no harm to the child.

What form of vaccine will be available?

Both the FluMist and the shot form of the vaccine will be available at the follow-up clinic. Parents may state their vaccination preference (shot or mist) on the consent form. The preservative-free injection will not be available. The flu mist is preservative free.

What if my child has turned ten since he received the first dose?

Parents whose child has turned ten since receiving the first dose should contact their child's pediatrician to determine if second dose is recommended.

My child is 9 and under and will be receiving the first dose at this follow-up clinic, how will he receive the second dose?

Children who still need the second dose can receive it in one of two ways: 1) at the child's pediatrician office or 2) at a community vaccination clinic. Check Hamilton County Public Health's website, www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org, for updated clinic schedules and instructions. Please keep in mind, a minimum of 28 days must separate the two doses.

What if I am unable to make it to the clinic scheduled?

If you are unable to make it to your assigned follow-up school clinic, please email h1n1updates@hamilton-co.org to learn of another clinic location.

My child recently received the seasonal flu vaccine, can he/she receive the H1N1 vaccine booster dose at this clinic?

Yes. Parents should list any vaccinations the child has received in the 30 days prior to the clinic in the appropriate space provided on the consent form. Vaccinators will use this to determine which form of the vaccination to administer.

My child received the first dose of the H1N1 vaccine in the flu mist form. For the second dose, can he/she receive either form (flu mist or shot)?

The first and second dose forms of the H1N1 vaccination do not need to be the same.