

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Listed below is a communiqué that we received from the Rutherford Health Department and may be of interest to you and your family. We also distributed this letter to your child to take home and bring it to your attention.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE

The Rutherford Health Department is pleased to report that they have received 400 doses of H1N1 inactivated influenza vaccine (the “flu shot”) and have scheduled a vaccination program.

The H1N1 influenza vaccination program will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, in the late afternoon hours in the Borough Hall Council Chambers, third floor, located at 176 Park Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey. Entrance to the Borough Hall must be made through the Donaldson Avenue parking lot side of the building.

Pre-registration is required to participate in the program. No walk-ins will be vaccinated on the day of the clinic.

Those interested in receiving the vaccine must pre-register by phone by calling the Rutherford Health Department at 201-460-3020, starting Wednesday December 2, 2009 at 8:30 AM. The registration will take place on a first come, first serve basis until 400 participants have registered.

The H1N1 influenza vaccine received by the health department is approved for use in those 4 years of age and older, who are not allergic to eggs. The clinic will be conducted for those meeting the CDC priority groups noted below:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical personnel
- Anyone from 4 years of age through 24 years of age
- Anyone from 25 through 64 years of age with certain chronic medical conditions or a weakened immune system

The vaccine contains thimerosal which is a mercury based preservative that has been used in multi dose vials of vaccine since the 1930's.

The State Health Department recommends that people stay for 15 minutes of observation at the vaccination site after receiving this and any vaccine.

Participants should visit the CDC web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu> for more additional information on the H1N1 influenza vaccine, which lists the people that should and should not receive this vaccine.