



Health Department: “It’s Your Turn” to Get Vaccinated

Mark National Influenza Vaccination Week (Jan. 10-16)
with the H1N1 Flu Shot or Nasal Spray

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BURLINGTON – With H1N1 vaccine now widely available and months of flu season still ahead, the Vermont Department of Health is encouraging all Vermonters older than 6 months who have not yet been vaccinated to get the nasal spray or flu shot now.

Vaccine is now being offered at a wide variety of sites – health care provider offices, hospitals, work sites, pharmacies, and public clinics being held around the state this month.

The Health Department opened vaccination to everyone in Vermont on Dec. 21, and the shots and nasal spray vaccine are now in plentiful supply.

“If you haven’t been vaccinated yet, now is the time,” said Health Commissioner Wendy Davis, MD. “We still want to see everyone who is at high risk for serious illness to get vaccinated, but there is now enough vaccine available for anyone who wants it. Mark National Influenza Vaccination Week by getting the flu shot or nasal spray. The 2009 H1N1 flu hasn’t gone away, and could come back in force. Flu is unpredictable and the vaccine is a great match for the H1N1 flu strain that is still circulating.”

Twelve public clinics are scheduled this week, including a walk-in clinic on Tuesday at the Pavilion auditorium from 4 to 7 p.m. conducted by Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice and the Vermont Department of Health. Two of the clinics are by appointment only, but 10 are open to walk-ins.

Monday, Jan. 11: Groton

Groton Methodist Church, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 12: Montpelier, Springfield, East Burke

Pavilion Auditorium, Montpelier, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services, Springfield 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

East Burke Congregational Church, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 13: Bennington, Rutland, Winooski

Second Congregational Church, Bennington, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. (appointment only)

Godnick Senior Center, Pawlet, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Winooski High School, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 14: Manchester Center, St. Albans, Middlebury

Manchester Health Services/VNA, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Franklin County Home Health Agency, St. Albans 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. (appointment only)

Middlebury American Legion, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16: Lyndonville, Colchester

Jenne Brothers, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

VNA of Chittenden County, Prim Road, Colchester, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

To locate a vaccination clinic, go to the Health Department’s website at www.healthvermont.gov, then select “Get Vaccinated” at the top of the home page.

Vaccine is also available at these participating locations: Shaws-Osco Pharmacy in Colchester, South Burlington, Williston, Berlin and Waterbury; Rite Aid in Derby, Bellows Falls, St. Albans and Williston; Walgreens in Rutland and Brattleboro, and Walmart in Williston and Rutland.

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