

H1N1 Vaccine for Pregnant Women

The nation's supply of H1N1 flu vaccine has been delayed due to slower-than-anticipated manufacturing issues. The North Attleboro Board of Health and its Health Department wish to advise the public that it will distribute H1N1 vaccine *whenever its own supplies are finally received*.

However, the Federal Government has determined that whatever initial doses of H1N1 vaccine are received should be prioritized for the public sectors most at risk. It has further determined that **pregnant women** represent the one sector most at risk of consequences from an H1N1 infection. Thus, local health departments and other providers have been asked to direct their vaccine supplies to them first.

To do so in the most fair and orderly manner possible, pregnant women in North Attleboro who may be interested in receiving an H1N1 vaccination are invited to **call (508) 699-0103 between 2:00 and 4:00 PM Mondays through Thursdays** with their names and telephone numbers. Health Department staff will then create a list of those interested and call these women back for actual appointments as the H1N1 vaccine supplies will allow.

H1N1 vaccine will eventually be delivered in ample quantities sufficient to accommodate everyone who wishes to be vaccinated. Please be assured that whenever this public allocation is finally received, the North Attleboro Health Department will once again announce appropriate clinics to distribute it in the Free Press, Sun Chronicle and North TV.