

Who Should Receive Flu Vaccine?

Anyone 6 months of age or older who wants to reduce their chances of getting influenza and reduce the chance they will transmit influenza to people they care about, can receive the vaccine. It is especially important for the people in the groups listed in the table below to receive flu vaccine. This applies to all people who do not have a contraindication to flu vaccine.

Target Groups for Influenza Vaccination 2009-2010		
Seasonal Flu Target Groups	H1N1 Initial Target Groups	Subset of H1N1 Target Groups if H1N1 Supply is Limited Initially
Pregnant women	Pregnant women	Pregnant women
Persons living with or caring for children less than 5 years	Persons living with or caring for infants less than 6 months	Persons living with or caring for infants less than 6 months
Everyone aged 6 months – 18 years	Everyone aged 6 months – 24 years	Children aged 6 months-4 years
Persons with medical conditions that put them at high risk for complications	Persons aged 25-64 years with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for complications	Persons 5-18 years with medical conditions that put them at higher risk for complications
Health care workers	Health care workers	Health care workers with direct contact with patients or infectious materials
Children and teenagers receiving long-term aspirin therapy	For more information visit the Oklahoma State Department of Health website at www.health.ok.gov OR http://h1n1.health.ok.gov .	
Contacts of persons at high risk		
Persons \geq 50 years		
Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities		
<i>The supply of seasonal influenza vaccine should be adequate to meet demand and vaccination of all recommended groups should begin as soon as vaccine is available</i>	Expansion of H1N1 Vaccination Beyond Initial Target Groups	
	<i>Decisions about expanding or establishing priorities for vaccination will be made based on local circumstances and the judgment of state and local health officials and health-care providers.</i>	
	All persons 25-64 years – <i>Once the demand is being met for vaccine among the five initial target groups</i>	
	All persons \geq 65 years – <i>Once demand among younger age groups is being met</i>	

Medical conditions that put persons at higher risk for influenza-related complications include: chronic pulmonary disease such as emphysema, chronic bronchitis or asthma, cardiovascular disease such as congestive heart failure, but not hypertension, renal dysfunction, chronic hepatic disease, any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injury, seizure disorder, or other neuromuscular disorder) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions, hematological (such as sickle cell disease) or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus), immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus).