



# Genesee County Health Department

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Vaccine Restrictions Lifted for the 2009 H1N1 Flu

In coordination with the Michigan Department of Community Health and all local health departments in Michigan, the Genesee County Health Department is lifting restrictions on who may receive the vaccine for the novel H1N1 flu effective Monday, December 14, 2009. The lifting of restrictions applies to all outlets for the vaccine, including the Health Department, school-located clinics, health care providers, pharmacies, etc.

The novel H1N1 flu pandemic is not over and the Genesee County Health Department strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated against the novel H1N1 flu. Surveillance and testing have shown that the vast majority of flu cases in the US since September 1<sup>st</sup> have been caused by the novel H1N1 strain. Vaccination is the best way to prevent getting the flu.

People seeking the vaccine have several options. The vaccine is offered during regular business hours at the Genesee County Health Department's Burton Branch. There are two upcoming public school-located clinics operated by McLaren Visiting Nurse and Hospice and sponsored by the Genesee Intermediate School District. These clinics are open to all county residents regardless whether they live in the particular school district:

Location	Date and Time
Lake Fenton Middle School 11425 Torrey Road Fenton, MI 48430	Tuesday, December 15, 2009 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Walk-In)
Davison Middle School 600 South Dayton Street Davison, MI 48423	Thursday, December 17, 2009 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Walk-In)

At both the Health Department and school-located clinics, nasal spray H1N1 vaccine will be administered unless specific health conditions or age prevent its use. Injectable vaccine will be administered to those who cannot take the nasal spray vaccine. There is no out-of-pocket cost to anyone who gets vaccinated at the Health Department or at one of the school-located clinics. However, clients with health insurance are asked to bring their insurance information to receive H1N1 flu vaccine at no cost.

Children 9 years old or younger who already received their first dose of H1N1 flu vaccine need a second dose of vaccine at least 4 weeks after their first dose for full protection. Parents/Guardians seeking a second dose for their children should bring each child's H1N1 flu vaccination record.

Vaccine is also available at several local pharmacies and at some doctor's offices and clinics. Residents should note that pharmacies and private health care providers may charge a fee to administer the vaccine. Residents can find a complete list of public vaccine sites on the GCHD website and hotline. To view the website, visit [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us) and click on "H1N1 Flu Clinic Locations." To reach the hotline, call (810) 257-3887.

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