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## PRESS RELEASE

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Contact Person: Mark Valacak, M.P.H., Health Officer  
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RE: **Health Department Announces Novel H1N1 Vaccine Priority Groups**

The novel influenza A (H1N1) vaccine will soon be arriving throughout Genesee County at the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD), some doctor's offices, and other venues such as pharmacies. The quantity of vaccine in these first shipments is very limited. Therefore it is extremely important that novel H1N1 flu vaccine be provided only to priority groups for the time being. Priority groups are:

- Pregnant women
- Anyone who has regular contact with children younger than 6 months old
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel.
- All people from 6 months through 24 years old.
- People 25 through 64 years old who have underlying health conditions.

The GCHD urges anyone who is in one of the priority groups to get the vaccine as soon as it is available. Anyone who is not in one of the priority groups will be asked to wait until the Health Department announces that the vaccine is available to everyone.

As soon as information is available, the GCHD will announce specific clinic hours and locations for novel H1N1 flu vaccinations. The information will also be posted on the GCHD website, [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us), and the GCHD hotline, (810) 257-3887.

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