

H1N1 Vaccine Expanded Target Groups

On Thursday, November 19, 2009 the WI Department of Health will expand the H1N1 vaccine target groups to include:

- * All persons aged 19 through 64 who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications

This is in addition to the current target groups:

- * Pregnant women
- * Those living with or providing care for children under six months old
- * Healthcare/EMS workers with direct contact with patients or infectious materials
- * Children six months through four years of age
- * Children 5-18 years old with medical conditions placing them at higher risk

Hence, the walk-in community H1N1 vaccine clinics sponsored by Pierce County Public Health Department will include the target groups listed above. There are two community clinics currently scheduled: Thursday, Nov. 19, from 3-6 p.m. at the Saint Bridget Catholic Church fellowship hall in River Falls and Monday, Nov. 23, from 4-6 p.m. at the Spring Valley Emergency Medical Services Building (407 South Newman Ave.) in Spring Valley, WI

Pierce County Public Health Department also has a limited supply of injectable seasonal influenza vaccine for adults. Any adult wishing to receive a seasonal flu shot should call them at 715-273-6755 to schedule an appointment.

For updates and more information, visit the UWRF Emergency Preparedness H1N1 Web page at <http://www.uwrf.edu/emergency/flu.html>. Contact Student Health Services at ext. 3293 with questions.