

November 4th Campus H1N1 Vaccine Clinic Canceled

The November 4, 2009 campus H1N1 vaccine clinic has been canceled, but the plan is for the December 2, 2009 Campus H1N1 Vaccine Clinic from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Falcon's Nest in the University Center to take place as planned. The H1N1 vaccine availability and distribution is slower than anticipated, resulting in delays in availability of H1N1 vaccine and delays in community clinics. Wisconsin has only received a small percentage of the vaccine needed for the five target groups. Watch the news and check back in two to three weeks. It's possible that the majority of doses may not arrive until after Thanksgiving. However, it is expected that eventually there will be enough H1N1 vaccine for everyone who wants it. In River Falls, currently Econofoods Pharmacy has intranasal H1N1 vaccine available for healthy 18-24 year olds for \$10 (425-8494) and Shopko Pharmacy has seasonal influenza shots for \$30 (425-6272). In addition, Pierce County Public Health Department will be offering a public H1N1 vaccine clinic on a first come, first served basis for persons in the five target groups (see below) on October 30th, 2009 from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Seyforth Building located at the Pierce County Fair Grounds in Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

The target groups recommended to receive the H1N1 vaccine remain as pregnant women, household contacts and caregivers of children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, all persons from 6 months to 24 years, and persons aged 25-64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza. However, providers may choose to vaccinate subsets of these target groups first.

To check on availability of H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccine, continue to check the Wisconsin 211 Flu Clinic Locator (<http://www.wisconsinfluclinic.info/>), the River Falls Medical Clinic web page (<http://www.rfmc.org/>), the Pierce County Public Health Department Influenza Resource Center (http://www.co.pierce.wi.us/Public%20Health/PH_index.htm), or the Minnesota Department of Health Flu Shot Clinic Finder (http://www.health.state.mn.us/cgi-bin/idepc/fluschedule/fluclinic_search.cgi).

For updates and information on seasonal and H1N1 influenza, continue to check the UWRF Emergency Preparedness H1N1 web page (<http://www.uwrf.edu/emergency/flu.html>), the Wisconsin's Pandemic Flu Resource web page (<http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov/>), and the U.S. Flu.Gov web page (<http://www.flu.gov/>). For questions, contact Student Health Services at 425-3293 or email alice.m.reilly-myklebust@uwrf.edu.