

NEWS & NOTES

Local H1N1 vaccination clinic hotline

Charlotte County Health Department has opened a local H1N1 (Swine) Flu vaccination information hotline. This system can be reached by calling Charlotte 211 and asking for the H1N1 Vaccination Hotline, or directly dialing 941-681-0411.

This new information line, in conjunction with the **Charlotte County Health Department** Web site, www.CharlotteCHD.com, will continue to provide the community with current, up-to-date information about our H1N1 campaign. Residents are urged to periodically check the Web site, and use the information line as all H1N1 vaccination clinic information will be listed here first.

H1N1 (Swine) Flu vaccine is arriving slowly in Charlotte County. We have begun to offer clinics for people designated as a priority group by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There are no general population clinics at this time, though we plan to host clinics for the general population as soon as we have sufficient vaccine. If someone has general questions about H1N1 or the vaccine, they can call the Florida Flu Information Hotline at 1-877-352-3581.

H1N1 toll-free number

The Florida **Department of Health** has launched a toll-free number to provide public health information and updates on H1N1 Swine flu. The information line 877-352-3581 is available from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., 7 days a week and is available in English, Spanish and Creole.

Flu vaccines

- Nov. 17: 9 a.m.-noon at Good Shepherd Church, 2550 Englewood Road, Englewood. \$25 flu vaccine; \$30 preservativefree flu vaccine; \$45 pneumonia vaccine. www.visitingnurses.com or 866-521-4848.
- Nov. 19: 8 a.m.-11 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi Church, 5265 Placida Road, Grove City. \$25 flu vaccine; \$30 preservativefree flu vaccine; \$45 pneumonia vaccine. www.visitingnurses.com or 866-521-4848.
- Dec. 7: 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda. \$25 flu vaccine; \$30 preservative-free flu vaccine; \$45 pneumonia vaccine. www.visitingnurses.com or 866-521-4848.

* This is information for regular, seasonal flu vaccines.