

Swine flu vaccine available to public

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Charlotte County Health Department will hold an H1N1 (Swine) flu vaccination clinic from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. This clinic will focus on people in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's targeted priority groups. The H1N1 intranasal vaccine will be used and is available for all healthy people from age 2 through 49 years, who are not pregnant. An injectable vaccine will be available for pregnant women, health care and emergency medical services personnel who work with individuals who are severely immunocompromised, and people ages 6 months to 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

There will be a strict, individualized screening process to determine the appropriate vaccine for each person, and clients are encouraged to visit www.CharlotteCHD.com and review the H1N1 vaccine information sheets, and print their completed H1N1 consent form in order to expedite their clinic visit. Visit the Web site to view clinic schedules, sign up for H1N1 vaccine clinic e-mail updates, or call Charlotte 211 and be connected to the local H1N1 vaccine clinic information hotline.