

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 vaccination clinic

Charlotte County Health Department will host an H1N1 (Swine) flu vaccination clinic from 8:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on January 4 and 5. The clinic will be held at the Charlotte County Health Department — Port Charlotte Clinic located at 1994 Kings Highway Port Charlotte. The clinic is open to all.

The H1N1 nasal spray vaccine will be offered at this clinic. This nasal spray is available for all healthy persons from age 2 through 49 years, who are not pregnant. Additionally, injectable vaccine will be available for anyone who does not meet health criteria for intra-nasal vaccine.

Clients are encouraged visit our Web site, www.CharlotteCHD.com, and review the H1N1 vaccine information sheets, and print their completed H1N1 consent form in order to expedite their clinic visit.