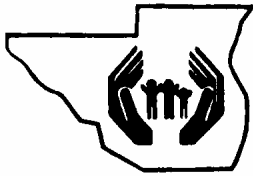


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Pike County Health Department to Distribute H1N1 Vaccine

Pike County Health Department has received the first shipment of H1N1 vaccine. This first shipment consists of 500 doses of H1N1 Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) Flu Mist, a nasal spray which is inhaled through the nose.

This vaccine will be distributed on Friday, October 16th from 9 am to 5 pm at Pike County Health Department, 113 E. Jefferson St. in Pittsfield. There is no cost for the vaccine. No appointment is necessary.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Federal Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines, H1N1 Flu Mist vaccine **can only be given to individuals who meet one of the following criteria:**

1) Those ages 2 years through 24 years old

OR

2) Those ages 25 through 49 years old who meet one of the following criteria:

You must be a health care worker with direct patient contact

OR

You must be a household contact or direct care giver of a child less than 6 months old
(parent, sibling, day care provider)

In addition, those who are pregnant or those who have chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, or are immune compromised, can not receive the nasal spray form of the H1N1 vaccine.

Additional doses of the nasal spray and injectable forms of the H1N1 vaccine will arrive in later shipments. Other criteria are used to establish eligibility for the injectable vaccine.

Please read local newspapers and listen to WBBA radio 97.5 FM for the most current information regarding local influenza vaccination clinics and other important health information.

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