

News Release

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H1N1 (swine) Flu Vaccination Clinics Scheduled

The Coconino County Health Department (CCHD) has received a limited supply of H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine. Appointments for the CCHD H1N1 (swine) Flu Vaccination Clinics can be scheduled beginning Monday, October 19, by calling the CCHD Flu Information Line at 928-679-7300.

Appointments are reserved for the first priority group which includes:

- Pregnant women,
- Children 6 months to 4 years old,
- Children between 5 and 18 with underlying health conditions – neuromuscular disease, diabetes, underlying heart or lung conditions, or suppressed immune system,
- Anyone who lives with or cares for children less than 6 months old,
- Health care workers with direct patient contact.

H1N1 (swine) Flu Clinics are scheduled as follows:

- Flagstaff: Sat., Oct. 24, Coconino County Health Department, 2625 N. King Street, 8 am - 4 pm
- Williams: Sat., Oct. 31, Williams Elementary Middle School, 601 N. 7th St., 9 am - 2 pm
- Fredonia: Sat., Oct. 31, Fredonia Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room, 221 E. Horts St., 8:30 am - 1 pm
- Page: Sat., Nov. 7, Lake View Elementary Gym, 1801 N. Navajo, 8 am - 4 pm
- Mon., Wed., Fri., CCHD Clinics beginning Mon., Oct. 26, Coconino County Health Department, 2625 N. King Street, 8 am - 4 pm

All clinics are subject to change due to vaccine availability. Appointments are required.

As additional H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine is received, the vaccine will be made available to a wider risk group and then, if supplies allow, to the general public.

There is no out-of-pocket cost for H1N1 (swine) flu vaccinations. Please bring your Medicare, AHCCCS, or insurance card if you are covered.

Due to delivery delays and high demand, adult seasonal flu vaccine is not currently available. **Vaccine for children 6 months through age 18 is available. Call the CCHD Flu Information Line to schedule an appointment for a children's seasonal flu shot.**

Seasonal flu vaccinations for children age 18 and under are \$15. When available, adult seasonal flu vaccinations are \$25. Seasonal flu vaccinations are free for people who have Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (excluding Medicare supplement customers and Out-of-state Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan members.), Medicare, AHCCCS, Health Choice Arizona and Phoenix Health Plans. You must present your insurance card at the time of service. No one will be denied service due to inability to pay.

Additional flu vaccination clinics will be scheduled as vaccine supplies allow. All clinics are based on availability of vaccine and subject to change.

Pneumonia vaccinations are available for a cost of \$30. Pneumonia vaccinations are recommended for individuals age 65 and older and for some high risk groups. Please visit www.coconino.az.gov/health for information.

In addition to getting a seasonal flu shot, good health habits will help you stay well. These simple actions can stop the spread of germs and help protect you and others from getting sick:

- Wash your hands frequently during the flu season.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth with your upper sleeve or with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Don't share eating utensils, cups, and straws.
- Stay home when you are sick.

Please check www.coconino.az.gov/health for updated clinic schedules or call the CCHD Flu Information Line at 928-679-7300, toll-free at 1-877-679-7272, for information.

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