

Broome County Health Department

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2009 PANDEMIC INFLUENZA VACCINATION CLINIC FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

The Broome County Health Department is expecting the first shipments of vaccine to protect individuals against the 2009 Pandemic Influenza any day. Emergency Medical Services personnel are in the Target Population for this vaccine and are **strongly encouraged** to receive vaccination as soon as possible. The first doses of this vaccine to arrive will be the Live Attenuated (nasal spray) form. Please see details of the vaccine and clinic information below:

You should get this vaccine if you are:

- 2-24 years of age
- 25-49 years of age and:
 - Live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age or
 - Are healthcare or **emergency medical personnel**.

You should wait for the injectable form of the 2009 pandemic influenza vaccine if you are:

- A child younger than 2 or an adult 50 years and older
- A pregnant woman
- Have a weakened immune system
- A person with a long-term health problem such as:
 - heart disease
 - lung disease
 - asthma
 - kidney or liver disease
 - metabolic disease such as diabetes
 - anemia and other blood disorders
- A child younger than 5 years with asthma or one or more episodes of wheezing during the past year
- A person with certain muscle or nerve disorders (such as cerebral palsy) that can lead to breathing or swallowing problems
- A person in close contact with a person with a *severely* weakened immune system (requiring care in a protected environment, such as a bone marrow transplant unit)
- A child or adolescent on long-term aspirin therapy.

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Thursday, October 15, 2009
11 am – 7 pm

*This clinic is for actively practicing Broome County Emergency Medical Services personnel ONLY and a copy of your Regional Identification Card must be presented.
The vaccine will be provided **free** of charge.*

Information regarding the availability of the Inactivated Flu Vaccine (flu shot) for Emergency Medical Services providers will be communicated through the EMS Coordinators Office. For more information please go to <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/flu>.

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