

Frequently Asked Questions H1N1 Vaccination Open Clinic – January 2010

Who should receive the H1N1 vaccination?

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services announced on December 21 that H1N1 vaccination is now open to the general public and not limited to at risk groups. The CDC has identified the target group most at risk are those between the ages of six months and 24 years of age, pregnant women, and those who have an underlying health condition.

Is Creighton holding an open clinic?

Yes. A free, open clinic for faculty and staff is being held on January 19 from noon-2:30 p.m. in Skutt Student Center, Room 105.

Is every employee of the University required to have the H1N1 vaccination?

No. Only those who are health care or child care faculty, staff and students who either have direct contact with patients and children or whose activities are such that if they were infected could potentially expose patients, children or others who have direct contact with patients or children.

I am current Creighton employee and may I get the HINI vaccination if it is not required for my job?

Yes. On December 21, the H1N1 vaccination was opened up to everyone.

What is the cost of the vaccination?

The vaccination is free at the Creighton faculty/staff flu shot clinic and the Douglas County clinics.

Are the family members of Creighton employees able to receive the vaccination at the open clinic on January 19, 2010?

No, family members are not able to receive the vaccination at one of the faculty/staff Creighton flu shot clinics. Douglas County is conducting many free clinics in the surrounding area.
(http://www.douglascountyhealth.com/disease/Swine_flu/Clinic_index.php)

The H1N1 vaccine is also available for patients at CMA primary care and medical specialty clinics. The administration of the vaccine is billed to the patients' insurance.

Is the H1N1 vaccine recommended for persons who had influenza-like illness since spring 2009?

Based on CDC recommendations, all people in recommended vaccination target groups who have not received the vaccination and have not had the H1N1 virus infection confirmed by a PCR test, should still be vaccinated. Patients who are uncertain about how they were diagnosed should get the vaccine. An Influenza A positive report would not be enough.

Will Creighton hold more H1N1 clinics?

Further opportunities to receive the H1N1 vaccination at a Creighton faculty/staff flu shot clinic will depend on the availability of the vaccine. If additional clinics are scheduled, an announcement will be made.