

H1N1 Update - October 28, 2009

New London Hospital has received a limited quantity of H1N1 vaccine from the NH Department of Public Health.

The following is the latest update from Jose Montero, MD, Director of the Division of Public Health Division of the NH State Department of Health and Human Services:

Currently the Division of Public Health recommends the vaccine for these identified targeted groups, in no particular order: pregnant woman, children 6 months to 5 years, and because vaccine products allow it, children under 18 years with conditions that put them at risk of complications if infected with the H1N1 pandemic strain. In addition, healthcare workers and EMS first responders with patient contact are in the first phase.

The vaccine distribution system is being monitored closely. If New Hampshire needs to re-direct the vaccines into public clinics to best serve the needs of our at-risk patients, we will do so. As always, I have confidence in the private medical community throughout New Hampshire and I believe that together, we can offer effective medical care and public health preventive services through the medical home.

Cordially
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