



H1N1 Target Groups

When vaccine is first available, ACIP recommends that programs and providers administer vaccine to persons in the following five target groups (order of target groups does not indicate priority):

- Pregnant or breastfeeding women
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 • months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Health-care and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons aged 6 months–24 years
- Persons aged 25 – 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

Current projections of initial vaccine supply indicate that establishment of a subset of the five initial target groups will not be necessary in most areas. However, demand for vaccination and initial supply might vary considerably across geographic areas. If the supply of the vaccine initially available is not adequate to meet demand for vaccination among five target groups receive priority for vaccination until vaccine availability increases (order of target groups does not indicate priority):

- Pregnant women
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 • months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Health-care and emergency medical services personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious material
- Children aged 6 months – 24 years
- Children and adolescents aged 5 – 18 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications



Seasonal Flu Target Groups

Influenza vaccine should be provided to all persons who want to reduce the risk for becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting it to others. However, emphasis on providing routine vaccination annually to certain groups at higher risk for influenza infection or complications is advised, including:

- All children aged 6 months–4 years
- Pregnant woman
- All persons aged ≥ 50 years
- Other adults at risk for medical complications from influenza
- All persons who live with or care for persons at high risk for influenza related complications, including contacts of children aged < 6 months, should receive influenza vaccine annually

It is strongly recommended that each PCP outreach to all chronic patients, especially children, for Seasonal and H1N1 Flu vaccines.

The source for the priority groups for H1N1 vaccine can be found in the Aug 28, 2009 MMWR (Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5810.pdf>

and the July 31, 2009 MMWR (for seasonal influenza vaccine)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5808.pdf>

