

Target Populations To Receive H1N1 Vaccine

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified the following target populations to receive the H1N1 vaccine:

- **Pregnant women** because they are at higher risk of complications and the vaccine can potentially provide protection to infants who cannot be vaccinated
- **Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age** because younger infants are at higher risk of influenza-related complications and cannot be vaccinated. Vaccination of those in close contact with infants less than 6 months old can help protect them from the virus
- **Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel** because infections among healthcare workers can be a potential source of infection for vulnerable patients. Also, increased absenteeism in this population could reduce healthcare system capacity
- **All people from 6 months through 24 years of age**
 - **Children from 6 months through 18 years of age** because cases of H1N1 influenza have been seen in children who are in close contact with each other in school and day care settings. This increases the likelihood of spreading disease
 - **Young adults 19 through 24 years of age** because many cases of H1N1 influenza have been seen in these healthy, young adults. They often live, work, and study in close proximity and are a mobile population
- **Persons ages 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza**

