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## H1N1 SWINE FLU VACCINE UPDATE

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### Large scale SFPDH sponsored H1N1 Vaccination Clinic scheduled

**WHEN:** December 22, 2009- Tuesday  
10:00 am – 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** Bill Graham Civic Auditorium  
99 Grove Street (near City Hall)

**WHO:** San Francisco residents in high-risk priority groups and children in need of a second dose.  
Only H1N1 flu vaccine will be administered.

**NEEDED:** Clinical and non-clinical volunteers are being recruited to staff the clinic. For more information go to [sfcdcp.org/flu](http://sfcdcp.org/flu) and click on “Volunteer to Help”.

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### Vaccine Distribution News

Distribution of the first SF allocation of H1N1 vaccine is complete (~100,000 doses). The second allocation will be distributed in 3 tiers (A,B,C) beginning this week. Tier A is prioritized for SF for internal medicine providers who have not yet received vaccine. Tier B will focus on internal medicine, pediatric and family practice providers, as well as hospitals. Tier C is slated for providers who have identified themselves on [CalPanFlu.org](http://CalPanFlu.org) as “other” or multispecialty clinics.

Distribution for tier B will not begin until tier A is complete. It is estimated that each tier distribution period will occur over many shipments and take up to 20 days. Deliveries continue to take place on a random basis (statewide) so it is impossible to predict when anyone’s order will arrive.

Vaccine from tier A and B will also be used in the Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> public vaccination clinic mentioned above. We are aware that a substantial number of provider offices never ordered vaccine, leaving their high risk patients with limited options for accessing vaccination. Once vaccine supplies are sufficient, local pharmacies will become vaccination sites open to the public for a reasonable fee.

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### Exemption to State Thimerosal Law Extended Through September 2010

The initial exemption allowing preservative-containing monovalent H1N1 influenza vaccine to be administered to children younger than 3 years old and pregnant women has been extended for the period of **October 12, 2009 - September 30, 2010**. The exemption covers the **H1N1 vaccine only**.

Additional information on the [California Mercury Free Vaccine Act](#) is available online.



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