

## **Flu Shots Available By Appointment to Provide Best Protection**

While flu activity in New Jersey is no longer defined as widespread, health officials remind residents that vaccination remains the best protection against any potential future wave of activity.

That is why the Atlantic County Division of Public Health continues to offer both H1N1 and seasonal flu shots by appointment to eligible individuals. Residents may call **(609) 645-5933** to schedule an appointment in Northfield or Hammonton.

H1N1 vaccinations are provided free of charge to any resident of the state, age 6 months and above. Children under 10 years of age should receive two doses, at a minimum of four weeks apart, for full protection. Seasonal flu shots are offered to Atlantic County residents 18 years and older for a fee of \$15. There is no out-of-pocket cost for Medicare Part B recipients.

The Atlantic County Division of Public Health began inoculating residents against seasonal flu in September 2009. To date it has held eight seasonal flu clinics, four H1N1 public clinics and three combination clinics where both shots were offered. Additionally the division provided H1N1 vaccinations to approximately 250 emergency medical services personnel and students at 18 area high schools. A total of more than 3,800 seasonal flu shots and 8,300 H1N1 shots have been provided during the past five months.

“We encourage residents to protect their health and the health of their loved ones by getting their flu shots,” said Patricia Diamond, Atlantic County Health Officer and Division Director. “Influenza is unpredictable. We are now at a time when supply can comfortably meet demand. Residents should take advantage of this opportunity and get vaccinated.”

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