

H1N1 Vaccinations Soon to be Available in Grays Harbor

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GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY, Wash. - Public Health and Social Services Department announced today that H1N1 vaccine will soon be available to Grays Harbor County residents. Vaccine shipments began across the country last week. The Health Department is working with local schools, hospitals, and health care providers to make sure that the vaccine is delivered as quickly as possible to the people at highest risk of severe disease.

"We're getting vaccine to the highest risk groups first," says Dr. John Bausher, the county's health officer. "But we expect that by Thanksgiving there will be plenty of vaccine available throughout the county and that anyone who wants a dose will be able to get it.

Starting the last week in October, the Health Department will be in schools providing vaccine to students. Every school in the county will have a clinic in the following four weeks. Information about the clinics will be sent home with students from school. Vaccination is voluntary and written parental consent is required.

In addition, over 30 local health care providers will be receiving a supply of the vaccine to give to their patients. As the

The health department is planning additional public clinics and dates will be announced as soon as health officials are

The Health Department has a flu vaccine information line that is updated weekly -532-8631 ext. 405. It includes times and places for

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offers a great amount of information in English and Spanish and addresses most common questions about the flu and

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