



News Release

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New criteria and process for immunization

Vaccinations will continue tomorrow for those identified in the revised high risk group as announced on October 30, 2009, due to a limited vaccine supply. This group includes:

- Children six months up to 59 months (up to fifth birthday).
- People five years of age up to and including 24 years of age with chronic conditions.
- Pregnant women in the second half of their pregnancy (20 to 40 weeks).

Anyone who is not already vaccinated through the mass immunization clinics and who meet the revised criteria, should call the Pandemic Information Line and leave their name, number, and location. Central Health will contact each individual to arrange for them to be immunized.

In addition, beginning immediately, the following groups will be added to this high risk group:

- Parents or other primary care providers (up to two per child) of children under the age of six months; and,
- Parents or other primary care providers of immunocompromised children and young adults (up to and including 24 years of age) who cannot themselves be vaccinated.

For parents of children under six months of age, Central Health will attempt to contact everyone in this group to arrange for immunization. However, **if you do not receive a call and you fit this criteria, you are encouraged to contact Central Health's Pandemic Information Line and leave your name, number and location.** You will then be contacted by Central Health to arrange for immunization.

The parents/caregivers of immunocompromised children up to and including 24 years of age are asked to please contact Central Health's Pandemic Information Line and leave their name, number and location. Central Health will contact each individual to arrange for immunization.

Central Health's Pandemic Information Line is 1-877-311-2613.

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