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## **H1N1 vaccination clinics remain planned to begin Oct. 31 in Snohomish County**

*Health officials keeping an eye on vaccine supply and an ear on CDC*

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, Wash. – Snohomish County public health officials were advised today by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention that unexpectedly slow production of H1N1 vaccine is leading to delays in delivery time for H1N1 vaccine nationwide.

Initial shipments of H1N1 vaccine to Snohomish County are being administered to health care workers and emergency services personnel to protect the patients they encounter and also to ensure a viable health care workforce during the local H1N1 response.

Future deliveries of H1N1 vaccine to the county will be directed first to pregnant women, all people ages six months to 24 years, caregivers of children younger than six months old, and people ages 25 to 64 who have chronic medical conditions. CDC said it expected enough H1N1 vaccine will be available in the next months to offer to the general public. Locally, that eventual supply will be offered through routine provider venues, including pharmacies.

About two dozen vaccination clinics throughout Snohomish County have been planned, beginning in late October and continuing into December as needed and as vaccine supply permits.

Snohomish Health District and its H1N1-clinic sponsors are continuing with that plan and await more detail from state and federal officials regarding vaccine supply.

If changes to that plan are needed, they will be announced through media advisories and updates posted on [www.snocoflu.com](http://www.snocoflu.com).

The Snohomish County Flu Line call-center number also will be staffed weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Monday, Oct. 19, 425.388.5088. After hours, the line features recorded information.

Go to [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/vaccinesupply.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/vaccinesupply.htm) for more information on national vaccine rollouts.

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