

Message from the Wellness Center
H1N1 Vaccine Clinic Scheduled

Loyola Students,

The Wellness Center has received a limited supply of the H1N1 influenza vaccine, and we will hold a student vaccination clinic on Tuesday, October 20. However, because the supply is currently limited, public health authorities recommend that only priority populations receive the vaccine at this time. Please see the bolded copy below to confirm whether or not you fit into any of the priority categories.

1) **Pregnant women** have a high complication risk from the H1N1 virus and can potentially provide protection to a developing infant who cannot be vaccinated. They are therefore a high priority group. However, pregnant women must bring a note from their physician recommending that they be vaccinated against H1N1.

2) **Those who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age** are a priority because younger infants have a higher complication risk from influenza and cannot be vaccinated.

3) **Health care and emergency services workers (including Loyola nursing students in a clinical rotation and members of LUCEMS) with direct patient contact** are a priority because they could potentially infect vulnerable patients. All forms needed by health care workers to verify vaccination must be brought to the clinic and will only be signed at that time.

4) **Loyola students age 18 and younger, with chronic medical conditions**, should be vaccinated because underlying conditions can increase the risk of complications from influenza. A Loyola student under 18 years of age must have parental consent to receive the vaccination.

Vaccines will be distributed to the priority populations listed above on a first-come, first-served basis, on October 20, from noon to 3 p.m., in the Gentile Center. There is no charge for the vaccination; however, a Loyola ID is required.

Further H1N1 and regular seasonal flu vaccine updates will be sent by special broadcast e-mail if more vaccines are made available.

Sincerely,

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