



# Joint Information Center 2009 H1N1 Response



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## Arizona Opens H1N1 Vaccine Eligibility to General Public

(Phoenix, AZ) – After months of focusing vaccination efforts on those most at-risk for complications of the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus, Arizona will offer the vaccine to everyone starting Saturday. Since October, Arizona, along with other states, has been following the vaccine priority groups outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The state is receiving enough vaccine on a regular basis to make sure that everyone who wants vaccine will now be able to receive one.

“This is a great time to be able to open up the shots to everyone,” said Interim Director Will Humble. “Many people are off work and out of school and will be able to drop by clinics and pharmacies at their convenience.”

ADHS encourages all members of the public to help protect friends, family and co-workers by getting vaccinated against both H1N1 and seasonal influenza to help stop the spread of flu. Vaccine locations can be found by visiting the website [www.StopTheSpreadAZ.org](http://www.StopTheSpreadAZ.org) or calling the Arizona Flu Hotline (877) 764-2670.

In addition to being vaccinated against the flu, Arizonans should continue practicing good health hygiene by doing the following:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a disposable tissue or your elbow or sleeve;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer; and
- Stay home if you are sick and limit contact with others.

For more information, visit [www.StopTheSpreadAZ.org](http://www.StopTheSpreadAZ.org)

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