



# Press Release

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Centers for Disease Control  
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## H1N1 Vaccine Available for the General Public Next Week High Risk Groups Remain Priority

- H1N1 Vaccine available at the Benton-Franklin Health District for everyone **beginning December 15, 2009.**
- Vaccination is **by appointment only.** (509) 460-4510
- Appointments will be scheduled for **December 15, 16, and 17** at the BFHD Kennewick Office.

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The Benton-Franklin Health District will begin offering H1N1 vaccinations to the general public on Tuesday, December 15, 2009. The CDC high risk groups previously identified remain a priority because of their increased possibility of serious illness and complications, but anyone wishing to receive a vaccination may now call and schedule an appointment to receive H1N1 vaccine.

Appointments can be made by calling (509) 460-4510. Appointments will be scheduled for December 15, 16, and 17 at the BFHD Kennewick Office, 7102 West Okanogan Place.

Availability of the vaccine for the general public will vary throughout the region based on the amount of vaccine available and the number of doses necessary to complete vaccination for those in the high risk groups.

People are urged to continue with personal precautions to protect themselves and their families. These precautions include: wash your hands, cover your cough, and stay home when you are ill.

If you do become ill, drink plenty of fluids, take non-aspirin fever reducing medication, and call your healthcare provider if your symptoms become worse. Expect that you will be ill for about a week, and stay home until you have had no fever (without medication) for 24 hours.

For more information, check the BFHD website at [www.bfhd.wa.gov/flu](http://www.bfhd.wa.gov/flu).