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The Bristol-Burlington Health District (BBHD) is now accepting appointments for H1N1 ("Swine Flu") Vaccination Clinics for the week of November 2, 2009 for the following priority groups:

*H1N1 Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine **

- Healthy children aged 24 months (2 years) through 18 years
- Healthy household contacts/ caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age
- Healthy healthcare workers and Emergency Medical Services personnel

*H1N1 Flu Shot ***

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age
- All children aged 6 months through 59 months (age 6 months through 4 years)
- Children age 5 through 18 years with high risk medical conditions
- Healthcare workers and Emergency Medical Services personnel

* The H1N1 nasal spray flu vaccine is made with live, weakened viruses that do not cause the flu. The spray is called LAIV for "live attenuated influenza vaccine" and is approved for use in healthy people 2 years to 49 years of age who are not pregnant. More information can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-laiv-h1n1.pdf>.

** The H1N1 flu shot is an inactivated vaccine, which means that it contains killed virus. The shot is given with a needle, usually in the arm. The flu shot is approved for use in people 6 months of age and older, including healthy people, people with chronic medical conditions and pregnant women. More information can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-inact-h1n1.pdf>.

The H1N1 flu clinic schedule for future weeks has not yet been established. For more information, contact the Health District at (860) 584-7682. Please note that by 4:30 p.m. on Friday of each week, the Bristol-Burlington Health District will post on this website (www.bbhd.org) the following information: 1) A list of who will be able to receive the vaccine for the following week based on the criteria established by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and 2) Information regarding vaccination clinics for the following week.

Seasonal (Annual) Flu Clinics

The Bristol-Burlington Health District (BBHD) does not have any more seasonal flu vaccine. Residents should visit the American Lung Association web site at www.flucliniclocator.org for other available clinic locations or call 1-800-548-8252.