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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 16, 2009 and the week of November 23 for Bristol and Burlington residents. Clinics will be held *only* for the established priority groups listed below. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Residents should contact the Health District office at (860) 584-7682 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to schedule an appointment.

*H1N1 Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine **

- Healthy, non-asthmatic children aged 24 months (2 years) through 24 years
- Healthy household contacts/ caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age
- Healthy healthcare workers and Emergency Medical Services personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious materials. Priority will be given to those who have direct contact with children.

*H1N1 Flu Shot ***

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers of infants less than 6 months of age
- All children aged 6 months through 83 months (age 6 months through 6 years)
- Children age 7 through 24 years with high risk medical conditions
- Healthcare workers and Emergency Medical Services personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious materials. Priority will be given to those who have direct contact with children.

* 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 or visit the BBHD website at www.bbhd.org.

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