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Update on the Farmington Valley Health District's Plan to Insure that Our Residents Will have the Opportunity To be Vaccinated

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Town staff, in conjunction with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Farmington Valley Health District, is continuing to monitor the development of H1N1 and is planning to respond accordingly. For additional information, please visit the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health web site located at www.ct.gov/dph.

All residents and workers in the Farmington Valley Health District will have the opportunity to be vaccinated

- To date, 25 private medical care providers have registered with Connecticut Department of Public Health to receive the H1N1 Vaccine when it becomes available. They have a committee that will decide on the allocation of the state's vaccine allotment to the registered providers.
- It is the intent of the Connecticut Department of Public Health to have these medical care providers vaccinate their patients who are in the priority groups identified by CDC. These are pregnant women; care givers of children 4 years and younger; healthcare workers; children 6 months to 4 years; children with high risk medical conditions.
- Those individuals in these identified priority groups who cannot be vaccinated by the private medical care community will have the opportunity to be vaccinated at clinics run by the Farmington Valley Health District and staffed with nurses from the Farmington Valley VNA.
- EMS workers will be vaccinated by the hospital that serves as their medical control home.
- **The vaccine and its administration are free.** We have the ability to invoice the state and pay the VNA to administer the vaccinations.
- During the initial weeks of vaccine receipt by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, most of the vaccine will be going to the private medical providers that registered to receive it for the identified priority groups.
- As the vaccine becomes more available, both the Farmington Valley Health District and the private medical care providers will be vaccinating children 18 years and younger; adults 19 to 24 years old; adults 25 to 64 years old with high risk medical conditions.
- Once these priority groups have been vaccinated and there is sufficient vaccine supply, healthy adults and finally seniors over 65 will be offered the vaccine.
- The four private residential schools in the district have registered to receive vaccine and will be vaccinating their own students and staff as appropriate.
- We have met with many of our school superintendents and nurses and began planning to schedule after school clinics when the vaccine becomes available for children 18 years and younger who haven't been vaccinated by their own doctors. We will continue to meet with the remaining school systems.
- We have also contacted the Foothills VNA and Homecare to assist us in the vaccination efforts at our public clinics.
- As this program unfolds, we will keep you informed with the same information that we receive.

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