

FLU VACCINE – Updated November 5, 2009

Seasonal Flu vaccine

Due to a nationwide shortage of seasonal flu vaccine, DMA Internal Medicine is directing our limited supply of vaccine towards our high risk patients, as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). We are anticipating receiving an additional supply of seasonal flu vaccine, but at this time we do not have a confirmed date of delivery.

H1N1 Vaccine

Due to a nationwide shortage of H1N1 flu vaccine, DMA Internal Medicine is directing our limited supply of H1N1 vaccine towards a specific group of patients as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC):

- ▶ Pregnant women
- ▶ Healthcare workers with direct patient contact
- ▶ Household contacts of infants younger than 6-months of age
- ▶ Household contacts of pregnant women in their third trimester to ensure their newborns go home to a safe environment

As the supply of vaccines increases, hopefully in the next few weeks, the target groups will be expanded to include patients who were in the CDC's original target groups. Groups from the initial target groups that are not currently targeted are:

- young adults up to 24 years of age and
- patients aged 25 through 64 years of age who have health conditions associated with higher risk of complications from influenza.

For more information, please see www.flu.gov