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**Be a Flu Fighter!**

- Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water especially after you cough or sneeze.

**Go to**

[www.FightTheFlu.org](http://www.FightTheFlu.org)

# Fort Wayne-AlLEN County Department of Health News Release

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## **Children up through age 4 can get H1N1 injectable vaccine Friday at Carew**

*FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Oct. 15, 2009).* – Children up through 4 years of age can get the H1N1 injectable vaccine starting Friday at the Carew Medical Park.

The clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. while supplies last. No appointment is necessary.

The Fort Wayne-AlLEN County Department of Health received approximately 3,100 doses of H1N1 injectable vaccine and approximately 1,000 doses of H1N1 intranasal vaccine today.

Some of vaccine will be giving to local healthcare providers to vaccinate their staff and high risk patients and some will be given out to the public at the Carew clinic.

**For now, the H1N1 injectable vaccine offered at Carew will be reserved for children ages six months through 4 years of age.**

**The department will also continue to offer the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine as supplies last for healthy children and young adults and for people who live with or provide care to infants less than six months of age.** Children or adults with asthma or nasal congestion cannot get this vaccine. No one older than 49 years of age can receive this vaccine.

The vaccines are free to the public. Children under age 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Parkview Health is providing space for the clinic at Carew Medical Park, a three-story building located at 1818 Carew Street. You can access Carew Street either from Lake Avenue or East State Boulevard. Parking is available in an attached garage.

More than 3,600 people have been vaccinated for H1N1 flu since the clinic opened on Oct. 9.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of influenza should stay home and contact a health care provider.

For more information, go to [www.FightTheFlu.org](http://www.FightTheFlu.org) or call 2-1-1.

## **Vaccines available at the Carew Medical Park clinic**

### **H1N1 vaccine (injectable)**

- For children age 6 months through 4 years of age
- If a child is ill with a fever, the child cannot get the vaccine

### **H1N1 FluMist vaccine (nasal spray)**

- For healthy children and young adults 2 to 24 years of age who do not have underlying health conditions
- For persons up to age 49 who live with or provide care for infants less than six months of age (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- No child younger than 2 years of age can get this vaccine
- No adult older than 49 can get this vaccine
- Children under the age of 10 will need two doses of the H1N1 vaccine, four weeks apart, to be fully protected
- If a child has had any live vaccine such as the MMR, Varicella (chickenpox) or the seasonal flu mist vaccine in the last 28 days, the child cannot receive the H1N1 FluMist vaccine

### **Seasonal Flu vaccine (injectable)**

- For children 6 months up to 3 years of age
- No child younger than six months can get this vaccine

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