

The Department of Health is planning vaccination clinics for January 8 and 9 from 8 AM to 4 PM throughout the commonwealth for Pennsylvanians who do not have access to it through his or her healthcare provider or do not have a provider. These clinics are open to everyone as there are no restrictions. Individuals can [register now](#) to receive the vaccine.

Individuals must schedule an appointment ahead of time, and can do so 24 hours a day at www.H1N1inPA.com under "[H1N1 Vaccine Locations in PA](#)". Those without Internet access can call 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258), Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and on Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone lines are limited.

The clinics in the North Central District will be held in the following counties: Clinton, Lycoming, Bradford, and Snyder County.

A notification from the CDC arrived Wednesday afternoon informing providers of the H1N1 vaccine, that certain lot numbers of the nasal spray were being recalled. This was not for safety-related reasons. The manufacturer performs ongoing stability testing of the vaccine to be sure that the strength of the vaccine does not go below a pre-specified limit during the vaccine "shelf life." On December 18 and 21 the manufacturer notified CDC and FDA that the potency of 13 lot numbers had decreased below the pre-specified limit or were at risk of falling below that limit, including lot # 500762P manufactured by MedImmune. The vaccine was at the specified range at the time the vaccine was distributed. The slight decrease in potency should not affect how the vaccine works. The vaccine is still expected to be effective in stimulating a protective response. There is no need to re-administer a dose to those who received vaccines. Persons who received vaccine from the recalled do not need to take any special actions.