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**From:** Health Services at Columbia  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2009 5:21 PM  
**To:** Morningside Faculty, Staff, Graduate Students  
**Subject:** H1N1 Vaccine Availability: NYC Clinics

Dear Fellow Member of the Columbia Community:

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has just expanded the criteria for those who may receive the H1N1 influenza vaccine at designated weekend Department of Health (DOH) clinics in New York City. The DOH has now made the vaccine available for:

- those under 24 years old
- anyone who is pregnant
- anyone in close contact with newborns
- people age 25 to 64 with a medical condition at risk for flu complications\*

\*These conditions include asthma, diabetes, chronic heart and lung conditions, kidney failure, or a weakened immune system. (It is not necessary to bring a physician note documenting a chronic health condition or a prescription for the vaccine.)

If you are concerned about the H1N1 flu and identify with one or more of the above priority groups, we recommend getting a free H1N1 vaccine at one of the Department of Health's clinics in the five boroughs of New York City. These clinics will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

For a complete list of clinics in your area or for more information about the H1N1 health clinics, please visit the New York City Department of Health's flu website and locate the nearest clinic by searching with your borough or zip code:  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/flu/html/vaccination/index.shtml>

Students under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Those under 18 must bring a signed parental consent/screening form (available at each clinic or through:  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/flu/html/schools/vaccination.shtml>).

As you may know, Columbia University is still waiting for its full allotment of the H1N1 vaccine. When the University receives the full allotment, information on how to receive the vaccine on campus will be provided to the Columbia community immediately.

For more information about the University's plans, prevention tips and what to do if you are sick, contact Health Services at (212) 854-2284 or visit the Columbia Preparedness website:  
[www.columbia.edu/cu/student-services/preparedness](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/student-services/preparedness).

You may also wish to read more information about the H1N1 flu vaccine on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/public/vaccination\\_ga\\_pub.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/public/vaccination_ga_pub.htm)

Sincerely,

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