



SWINE FLU UPDATE

Pediatric Partners, after much careful review, has decided to NOT offer the H1N1 vaccine.

We are doing this for the following reasons:

-our patient load has increased so much due to the flu outbreaks that we feel that if we offer the H1N1 vaccine, it will significantly impact our ability to see those patients who need our immediate attention.

We must be available to give our patients the care they need in a timely fashion, and we feel that offering the H1N1 will not allow us to do this.

-there are many other locations where this vaccine will be available (see below):

We do recommend that our patients follow the CDC guidelines for H1N1 vaccination. These guidelines recommend that the following population segments receive the vaccine:

- pregnant women
- household contacts and caregivers for children younger than six months of age
- health care and emergency medical services personnel
- children and young adults between the ages of 6 months and 24 years

Information on locations offering the H1N1 vaccine:

Your local Health Department

GEORGIA

Web site: ecphd.com

Richmond County	706.721.5900
Appling	706.541.1318
Grovetown	706.556.3727
Evans	706.868.3330

SOUTH CAROLINA

Aiken regional office	803.643.1984
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Your local schools

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Web site: cboe.net Go to "School Health"

RICHMOND COUNTY

Web site: www.rcboe.org

Or call your local school. You may go to a clinic at any school, regardless of whether your child goes there or not