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## **Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) officials are calling on healthcare workers to assist with mass H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics in suburban Cook County**

*All licensed providers, nurses and other healthcare workers are asked to volunteer.*

Cook County Department of Public Health officials are preparing to implement mass vaccination clinics to distribute H1N1 vaccine to targeted populations of suburban residents most at risk of contracting H1N1 influenza. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are currently testing the H1N1 influenza vaccine and we anticipate receiving the vaccine in mid October.

“We are about to undertake the massive task of vaccinating a large number of suburban Cook County residents with the H1N1 vaccine and we cannot do it alone,” said CCDPH chief operating officer, Stephen A. Martin, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H. “We need all licensed providers such as physicians, dentists, podiatrists and veterinarians, as well as nurses and other healthcare workers to register with our Cook County Medical Reserve Corp to volunteer to staff our mass vaccination clinics in the coming months.”

The CCDPH H1N1 influenza mass vaccination clinic locations and hours of operation will be announced in the next few weeks but are anticipated to begin once the vaccine is received in mid October. Dr. Martin added, “The situation will continue to change and our plans are fluid. However, we know for certain volunteers are a vital part of our mass vaccination plans.”

For more information about becoming a volunteer or to register:

- Visit our website at: [www.cookcountypublichealth.org](http://www.cookcountypublichealth.org)
- Email: [volunteer@ccdph.net](mailto:volunteer@ccdph.net)
- Call 708-492-2820

For more information about the H1N1 influenza virus, residents may contact the Cook County Department of Public Health at 708-492-2828 or visit [www.cookcountypublichealth.org](http://www.cookcountypublichealth.org).

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