

## H1N1 Update

MDCC officials are in weekly contact with the Mississippi Department of Health and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for updates on the H1N1 Swine flu virus.

### This week's update:

#### September 6, 2009

The emergency rooms are overcrowded with patients. Those who think they have the H1N1 virus need to schedule an appointment with their regular physician instead of going to the hospital emergency room.

#### September 16, 2009

There have been 838 **confirmed** cases of H1N1 Virus in the state. The Department of Health will work with colleges to provide a clinic to provide the vaccine. There is hope for a clinic to be set up at every facility. Risk Groups: caregivers for infants under 6 months, ages 6-24 years old, expecting mothers, health care providers, and those with chronic diseases. Expect vaccine by mid-October.

The H1N1 virus appears to be no more contagious than seasonal flu. Those with underlying conditions such as diabetes, asthma, pregnancy, or compromised immune systems are particularly at risk.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Mississippi Department of Health and the State Board of Community and Junior Colleges regarding any response to this issue.