

It Pays To Keep Your Employees Healthy; It's Not Too Late to Vaccinate!

National Influenza Vaccination Week is January 10-16, 2010. This flu season has presented a unique challenge to fight a new type of influenza -- the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. The H1N1 flu is a serious disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that between mid-April and November 14, 2009, 47 million people were infected with the 2009 H1N1 flu, more than 200,000 people were hospitalized, and over 9,800 people died in the United States.

Influenza is unpredictable and we do not know the likelihood of a future wave of H1N1 flu, but we do know that vaccination is the most important step in protecting against influenza. By offering influenza vaccination at work, you can protect your employees and their families. In addition, vaccination of your workforce can reduce the number of work days lost due to influenza. If you have an occupational health program, you can order free vaccine directly from the Wisconsin Division of Public Health by calling 1-877-393-4161. If you do not have an occupational health program, but would like to sponsor an on-site vaccine clinic, please send an email to dhsqipflu@wi.gov. For more information on H1N1 flu and other places in your community where vaccine is available, call 211 or visit pandemic.wisconsin.gov. It pays to keep your employees healthy – it's not too late to vaccinate!

Protect Yourself From H1N1, Get The Vaccine:

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/2009-10/pdf/09_h1n1_vaccine_safety_ver3.pdf

H1N1 Resources for Businesses and Employers:

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/business/>

