

Mass Vaccination Clinic (MVC) – Facility Information Sheet

The Pennsylvania Department of Health South Central District Office (SDO) is seeking facilities that can be used as Mass Vaccination Clinics (MVC) to vaccinate the public when vaccines and supplies become available for the general public. This effort is being managed in cooperation with county emergency management agencies and other local partners. Below is some background information for facility owners of potential MVC Sites.

- It is estimated that in mid-October, vaccinations will be available for individuals that are considered “high risk”. This includes people 65 years and older, children younger than five years old, pregnant women, and people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions. High risk populations will be the first to receive these vaccinations most likely in the October-November time frame. These vaccinations will occur through local hospitals, physicians, health clinics, and schools.
- After these early-round vaccinations, more H1N1 vaccine will become available for the general public. Once the vaccine arrives, DOH will administer the vaccine through MVCs that will be located in each of the SDO’s 13 counties. Each site is expected to handle about 1,000 to 5,000 patients per day, and vaccinations are expected to occur over a 3 day period from 8 AM to 8 PM.
- The initial step in MVC site identification is to set up a meeting to speak with their management about what will occur at the site, and to address any questions they may have. A facility survey will also be conducted to ensure that it meets the criteria for a MVC site.
- DOH will not be able to provide specific dates for administering the vaccines until we have the vaccine available; however, we estimate that they will take place sometime between November 15th and December 15th, 2009.
- All communications with DOH must remain confidential until DOH is prepared to announce to the public which sites will be used for vaccinating the general public.
- MVCs will function under the auspice of DOH and will be staffed with medical and non-medical Volunteers from the community.