

H1N1 Info

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LEE COUNTY, Fla. - More than a thousand people showed up at South Fort Myers High School today for the last clinic in Lee County until December.

"It will primarily be to reach children who have to come back for their second dose," said Dr. Judith Hartner with the Lee County Health Department. "But also to make sure that people who haven't taken advantage of the first round can come and get their shots then."

Shots are still only available to priority groups until further notice.

"Our vaccine supply is less and we want to make sure we're getting these vaccines to priority groups," said Dr. Hartner.

That does not include people over 65 years old like Ben and Joanne McKoy. "I knew their priorities but I thought maybe if I talked to them, they might make an exception," said Joanne.

Priority groups include:

- Pregnant women
- Children and young adults, ages six months to 24 years.
- People who live with or care for children younger than six months.
- Health care workers and emergency medical service personnel
- People ages 25 to 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

"We know more vaccine is coming," said Dr. Hartner. "We expect very soon the priority groups will be dropped and the vaccine will be available to anyone who wants it."