



NEWS RELEASE

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Health departments will give influenza shots on a first come-first served basis from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday

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The Alabama Department of Public Health will administer influenza vaccine to high-risk individuals Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day or until the vaccine supply is exhausted.

The public is encouraged **not** to call their county health departments if they have questions about how influenza vaccine will be distributed. Flu shots will be given each day on a **first come-first served** basis for those in the priority groups with last names beginning with the assigned letters for that day, as follows:

A-D, Tuesday, Oct. 26

E-J, Wednesday, Oct. 27

K-R, Thursday, Oct. 28

S-Z, Friday, Oct. 29

Priority groups for vaccination with inactivated influenza vaccine are:

- all children aged 6-23 months,
- adults aged 65 years or older,
- persons aged 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions,
- all women who will be pregnant during influenza season,
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities,
- children 6 months-18 years of age on chronic aspirin therapy,
- healthcare workers with direct patient care, and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged less than 6 months.

This policy applies to 65 of the 67 county health departments. Jefferson and Mobile county health departments are making separate announcements about their plans.

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