

# Seasonal Flu Vaccine vs. Novel H1N1 (Swine) Flu Vaccine

## What are Priority Groups?

Anyone can get the flu, but the flu can be more dangerous for some people. That's why certain people should be first in line (a priority) to get vaccinated against either seasonal flu or H1N1. Check to see whether you fall into one of these groups.

Seasonal Flu	Novel H1N1 (Swine) Flu
Pregnant women	Pregnant women
Children from 6 months through 18 years	Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age
People of any age with chronic medical conditions, like asthma or diabetes.	Healthcare and emergency workers
People living in nursing homes or other long term care facilities.	All people from 6 months through 24 years
People age 50 and older	Persons aged 25 through 64 who have health conditions associated with higher risk of complication
Healthcare and emergency workers	<p>If there is a shortage of this vaccine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pregnant women</li> <li>2. Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age</li> <li>3. Healthcare and emergency workers</li> <li>4. Persons aged 6 months to 18 years old with underlying medical conditions.</li> </ol>

## What if I'm in a priority group for one vaccine, but not the other?

Everyone over 6 months old can get the seasonal flu vaccine. Priority groups for seasonal flu vaccine are assigned to remind those individuals that they should get the seasonal flu vaccine every year to avoid complications.

If you are not in a priority group for H1N1 vaccine, it may be available to you later in the fall.

## Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine Vs. Injectable Flu Vaccine Shot

The nasal spray vaccine may be used in healthy people between the age of 2 to 29, who do not have an underlying condition (includes asthma, diabetes, heart disease and immunosuppression) that predisposes them to influenza complications.

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