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Eligible Eastern Illinois University students and faculty/staff will have their first on-campus opportunity to receive the H1N1 vaccine on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 10 and 11.

H1N1 vaccination clinics will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days in the Lantz Concourse. **(Update: Wednesday's (Nov. 11) clinic will take place in the Student Rec Center, Lantz Building.)** People at high risk for the H1N1 flu and seeking to be immunized should enter the building via the north door (near the Student Recreation Center entrance). There is no charge, but those wishing to receive the vaccine should bring their Panther Card ID.

Dr. Sheila Baker, EIU medical director, said those receiving the vaccines should be from one or more of the high-risk groups:

- People between the ages of 10 and 24 years (no pediatric dosages available at this clinic);
- Pregnant women;
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel;
- People who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months; and
- People 25 through 64 years of age who have certain chronic medical conditions (e.g., asthma; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; liver disorders; heart disease; diabetes; cancer; neurological disorders such as epilepsy, cerebral palsy, brain or spinal cord injuries; neuromuscular disorders such as muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis; and weakened immune systems, such as people with HIV and AIDS or who are on medications that weaken the immune system).

The priority groups are established based on current U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines.

EIU Health Services continues to update its H1N1 Flu Information [website](#) with general information about the H1N1 flu, tips on how to prevent contracting H1N1, and regular campus updates from Dr. Baker.