

What kind of vaccine will be given at the School H1N1 Immunization Clinics?

Public Health - Madison and Dane County is ordering two kinds of vaccine for these clinics - the nasal FluMist and the injectable vaccine.

Both types of vaccine are safe and effective. Seasonal flu vaccine has been given to millions of adults and children over the years, with a stellar safety record. This H1N1 vaccine is the same type of vaccine and is made the same way as the seasonal flu vaccine.

We don't know how many doses of what kinds of vaccines we will be getting on a weekly basis. It all depends on the national supply that week.

Our hope is that we will be able to give the younger students the nose spray vaccine, because it probably would be harder for them to get shots.

We are aware that some parents and students have a preference for what kind of vaccine is given. Because of the size of this immunization effort - over 180 schools in about a month - and the uncertainties in the vaccine supply, we cannot consider preference for a specific vaccine type.

Families that want a specific kind of H1N1 vaccine need to go to a private medical provider for vaccine.