

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT H1N1 CLINIC VOLUNTEERING

### **MRC Web Site is Most Up-To-Date Schedule**

My emails will be as up-to-the-minute as possible, but things often change as soon as I hit send on an email update to all of you. I will always keep the calendar on our web site up-to-date with the most current clinic schedule and the most revised times. When a clinic has enough volunteers, the link will be turned 'off' and you will no longer be able to register. Check out the calendar on our web site at <http://www.volunteermrc.org/h1n1.html>.

### **Online Orientation Course**

The quiz is broken! If you take the course and can't complete the quiz, just send me an email that says, "I did the orientation!" as the subject line, and I will process your info at a later date. Go ahead and sign up for clinics.

### **Badges**

We are not able to issue badges at this time. We have had a huge number of new volunteers in the past few weeks- which is wonderful! We just aren't able to keep up on the badging. If you do not yet have a badge, please bring a state-issued form of identification and a copy/print out of your medical license with you to the clinic.

### **Who Should Volunteer?**

We need both medical and non-medical volunteers. Roles include greeter, crowd control, patient preparation, and logistical support for non-medical people and vaccinators, screening, and triage for medical personnel. We are looking for one physician per clinic to help with questions. Volunteers are encouraged to join the Medical Reserve Corps, <http://www.volunteermrc.org/joinnow.html>, before signing up for a clinic. At this point, volunteers must be affiliated with a volunteer organization before serving with us. We are currently working with several service organizations, in addition to:

- Medical Reserve Corps
- Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- Citizen Corps, CERT
- American Red Cross of Greater Columbus
- FIRSTLINK

### **Who are We Vaccinating?**

These clinics are in the community and in the schools, focusing our attention on the list of priority groups that need the vaccine the most. This changes as we receive more vaccine. We are using the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control as a guide, adding more of the priority groups to our clinics as we receive more vaccine. More information can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr58e0821a1.htm>. These are the priority groups:

- Pregnant women,
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers),
- Health-care and emergency medical services personnel with exposure to sick clients,
- Persons aged 6 months--24 years, and
- Persons aged 25--64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.