

H1N1 Vaccine and Infection Update

1,300 H1N1 vaccines were administered during the mass vaccination clinics November 10th and 11th. Health Service is pleased with the response to date, but would like to vaccinate another 1,000 people before Thanksgiving break. The next clinic will be Monday, November 16, 2009 in the MLK University Ballroom from 10 AM to 5 PM. Those eligible include 10 through 24 year olds, 25-64 year olds with chronic conditions, pregnant women, care-givers for infants less than 6 months of age and healthcare workers. There is no charge for the vaccine. Please bring your Panther Card.

To date, 400 cases of H1N1 have been identified at Health Service. Most cases have been mild to moderate and students are asked to go home to recover when able. Illness typically lasts for one week. The offices of Registration and VPSA are notified when a student is diagnosed with flu.

The CDC is still reporting wide-spread flu in 48 states. Office visits for Influenza-like illnesses remain elevated for this time of the year. Efforts to vaccinate at-risk populations have started and will continue through the end of January.