

National Indian Health Board

Health Alert

January 7, 2010



January 10-16, 2010 is National Influenza Vaccination Week and the National Indian Health Board is asking that you participate by getting vaccinated for H1N1!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported that from April to November of 2009 there have been approximately 47 million cases of H1N1 and 10,000 deaths from H1N1. However, for American Indian/Alaska Natives the H1N1 has been even more detrimental. The CDC reported in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report that American Indian/Alaska Natives are four times more likely to die from H1N1 than members of other racial and ethnic groups ([MMWR, 2009](#)).

So what can you do?

Visit www.flu.gov to...

- Use the flu vaccine locator to find flu clinics near you!
- Find news, information, and recommendations from the experts
- Find media and outreach materials to use in your communities.

Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/NIVW/index.htm> to...

- Find the calendar of daily special topics related to the flu and you!
- Find events in your community

On **Tuesday, January 12, 2010**, the National Influenza Vaccination Week activities will highlight American Indian/Alaska Natives and a **Press Conference for the American Indian/Alaska Native Public Service Announcement** will take place!

Please visit the NIHB website for more information regarding the Press Conference as it is made available. For questions, please contact Erica Doxzen, Public Health Programs Assistant, at (202) 507-4070.

