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Framingham to hold its first H1N1 clinic next week

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Framingham will hold its first H1N1 clinic next week, along with its first seasonal flu clinic since late October the following day, town officials announced yesterday.

The H1N1 vaccine will be offered Dec. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Keefe Tech High School at 750 Winter St. That clinic will be available only to three high-risk priority groups – those who are pregnant, live with or care for children younger than six months, and children six months through 12 years old, said a press release from the Board of Health.

According to the health board's [website](#), "additional clinics will be planned to expand on our priority groups as more vaccine becomes available."

Swine flu [infections seem to be dropping](#). However, the number of children who died with the illness - including a [toddler from Middlesex County](#) who died from the virus late last month - has risen, according to a government report released this week.

There are as many people who are ill as during the worst days of most regular flu seasons, and US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials have said the signs of declining cases do not necessarily mean the worst is over.

Framingham canceled scheduled flu clinics during November, with the exception of one seasonal flu clinic offered by appointment only, because of short supply.

The seasonal flu vaccine will be offered Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Framingham Public Library's Main Branch on 49 Lexington St. That clinic is open to town residents age 2 and older, the release said.

For more flu clinic information, visit the Board of Health [website](#) or call the Framingham flu clinic hotline at 508-532-5478.

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