

BEDFORD CITIZENS VOLUNTEER TEAMS

COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (CCRT)

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)

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All members of all three Bedford Volunteer Teams will be receiving this newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to provide needed coordination among the teams and it is expected it will keep members informed of our emergency planning successes and challenges, resources and needs (equipment, trainings, opportunities and more).

SEASONAL FLU VACCINE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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BEDFORD: Bedford Board of Health will be scheduling our annual Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic as soon as possible. Seasonal Flu Vaccine will be offered to the same adult target groups as in the past. Attendance will be restricted to Bedford residents aged 50 years and older and Bedford residents aged 18 years and older who have a chronic medical condition. We hope to schedule our Seasonal Flu Vaccine clinic for a Saturday morning late October or early November. For more information check the Town's web site at www.town.bedford.ma.us or check Bedford Information Radio 1640 AM or check the Bedford Minuteman or call the Board of Health office at 781-275-6507.

Bedford adult residents who need a home visit to receive Seasonal Flu Vaccine should call 781-275-6507 now. Physicians, hospitals and other private venues (e.g., pharmacies, supermarkets and/or the like) are already making Seasonal Flu Vaccine available earlier than our clinic. You may wish pursue these possible venues for your earliest opportunity to receive the vaccine. There is no fee for the flu vaccine at the Board of Health clinic however, seniors are asked to bring their Medicare cards and their supplemental health insurance cards so the town may be reimbursed to off-set the cost of the vaccine administration. Everyone is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation for our Bedford Community Pantry.

H1N1 FLU VACCINE

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BEDFORD: Bedford Board of Health reports the following concerning the current plan to respond to the emergence of the H1N1 virus.

In collaboration with our two local pediatric practices (Toby Nathan, M.D., School Physician and Patriot Pediatrics of Loomis Street), we intend to offer a mid-November H1N1 Vaccine public clinic targeting all Bedford students in grades Kindergarten to Grade 12. The clinic, or series of clinics, will be offered as a parental "opt-in" program in a school setting either after school or on a Saturday.

Parents/Guardians must accompany their dependent student/child and must give their signed consent. Consent forms and further details such as date, time, and place of the clinics will be made available at a later date.

Keep in mind that this is an emerging situation so parents/guardians will receive additional H1N1 communication via direct mail. For more information call your School Nurse or call the Bedford Board of Health at 781-275-6507.

