

Durham County Communicable Disease Update For Healthcare Providers



Durham County Health Department, 414 East Main Street, Durham, NC 27701
<http://www.durhamcountync.gov/departments/phth/>

Seasonal Influenza: Promoting Universal Vaccination

Announcements

- Welcome to our new facilities, located in the Durham County Human Services building on 414 East Main Street in Durham.
- Immunization Clinic hours are from 8:30am-4pm M-F.
- Adult Health Clinic hours (includes STD and Refugee Health) are from 8:30am-4pm M, W, Th ; 8:30am-6:00pm Tu; and 8:30am -12pm F.
- For information regarding NC communicable disease reporting requirements and forms, please go to our website at www.durhamcountync.gov/departments/phth/CDC_New_Information_1.html

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends universal influenza vaccination for everyone 6 months and older.
- Healthcare workers, in particular, should be vaccinated against influenza each year, and are critical to promoting vaccination among their patients.
- The 2011-2012 seasonal influenza vaccine contain the three vaccine viruses: A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)-like virus; A/Perth/16/2009 (H3N2)-like virus; and B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.
- CDC recommends that influenza vaccination begin as soon as vaccine becomes available.
- The Durham County Health Department will provide free state-supplied flu vaccines to persons who are:
 1. age \geq 6 months through 18 years who qualify under the Vaccines for Children program;
 2. attending a NC college or university;
 3. healthcare workers (HCW);
 4. age \geq 18, who are



pregnant and DCHD patients.

- DCHD can also provide private, for-pay influenza vaccines to other groups when available.
- To refer a patient or HCW to the DCHD Immunization Clinic, call (919) 560-7608.
- For further info, go to http://www.cdc.gov/flu/flu_vaccine_updates.html

Important Numbers

Main Number	560-7600
Communicable Disease Control	560-7600
Immunization Clinic	560-7608
Tuberculosis Clinic	560- 7633

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Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

- In 2010, the CDC issued new treatment guidelines for treatment of gonorrhea.
- Confirmed or presumptive uncomplicated gonorrhea infections involving any anatomical site should be treated with ceftriaxone 250mg as a single intramuscular (IM) injection plus azithromycin or doxycycline,
- Ceftriaxone 125mg IM is no longer recommended due to decreased susceptibility of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* to cephalosporins *in vitro* and reports of ceftriaxone treatment failures.
- Cefixime 400 mg orally in a single dose is an option for treatment of gonorrhea if ceftriaxone



cannot be provided.

- Clinicians reporting STIs to the Durham County Health Department should include information regarding if and what treatment was provided.