



# CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ADOPT-A- POD (Point of Dispensing) PROGRAM 2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

## ADOPT-A-POD Coordinator Description

An Organization's ADOPT-A-POD Coordinator must be willing and able to:

- Work under the direction of the Emergency Management Department (EMD).
- Work in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and other participating agencies.
- Recruit 25-30 volunteers, fill positions, and issue reminders to each volunteer.
- Assure that volunteers will be notified of the location, arrival time and work commitment.
- Participate in a training/planning meeting.
- Work the complete POD shift (8:00am – 5:00pm).
- The ADOPT-A-POD Coordinator must have strong verbal communication skills and be fluent in English.

On the day of the POD, the ADOPT-A-POD Coordinator will serve as the Deputy POD Manager, reporting to the Incident Commanders to help manage this incredible operation, including 60 staff. Each POD Coordinator and volunteer will be offered a FREE H1N1 Vaccine.

## What is a POD?

A POD is a location that is established to dispense medication to the community at large during a limited, defined time frame. It is not a treatment facility; it is established to provide medication or administer vaccines to those who may have been or could be exposed to an agent but are not symptomatic.

As of fall 2009, the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD) has pre-identified and developed POD plans for 59 sites. We will be activating 103 PODs at 18 locations across the City so that together with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, hundreds of thousands of people can receive a FREE vaccine. Each POD is set-up to vaccinate 500 people per hour.

## The H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

Since vaccines are the best tool to prevent influenza, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), in concert with the Center for Disease Control, is working to provide the H1N1 Influenza vaccine to hundreds of thousands of Angelenos.

The CDC recommends that the following people who fall in one of the following categories get priority vaccination:

- pregnant women,
- people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age,
- people ages 6 months - 24 years,
- people ages 25 - 64 years with chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems,
- healthcare and emergency services personnel with direct patient care responsibilities.

LACDPH estimates that 5.4 million County residents fall into one of these priority categories and that close to one million are uninsured.

For more information on dates and locations, visit [www.lacity.org/emd](http://www.lacity.org/emd).  
To ADOPT-A-POD, contact [Devra.Brukman@lacity.org/213-484-4807](mailto:Devra.Brukman@lacity.org) or  
[Steve.Dargan@lacity.org/213-484-4811](mailto:Steve.Dargan@lacity.org).