

# Washoe County



## Novel H1N1 Pandemic Influenza

Washoe County Health District staff are currently making plans for distribution of H1N1 vaccinations that will likely begin in late October '09.

Meetings are being held throughout the summer to brief community leaders, agency heads and elected officials regarding these plans. Additional information will be rolled out to the public and media as well.

The federal government will distribute the vaccine to the states, which will

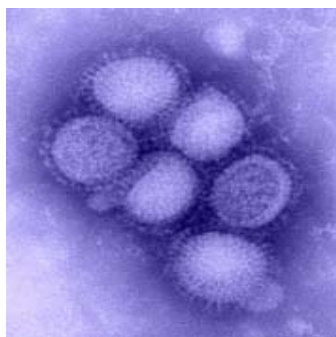
then distribute it to local agencies. This will be completed in stages, over the course of several months.

Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is being used to refine the plan for distribution. The CDC has developed target groups based on those segments of the general population which were most affected by Novel H1N1 in the spring of 2009.

As additional supplies of vaccine become available, the vacci-

nations will be offered to the general public. It is expected that the dispensing will be accomplished through a variety of venues, including hospitals, doctors' offices and clinics.

This is an evolving situation and the CDC is an excellent source of current information: [cdc.gov/h1n1flu/](http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/).



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## NV State Board of Nursing Establishes No-Cost Volunteer License

Representatives from the Washoe County Health District and the local chapter of the American Red Cross presented information to the Nevada State Board of Nursing regarding the need for additional nurses in our state. In the event of a public health emergency, most licensed

nurses would probably be required to report to their place of employment and would not be available to serve as a volunteer. One way to increase this pool of available nurses would be to offer a reduced or waived fee license for those who are willing to volunteer and are

not going to be employed as a nurse. This could include recently retired nurses, mothers of young children who are temporarily not working in the field, and others. For more details, or to apply for this special fee-waived license, please visit their website: [nursingboard.state.nv.us](http://nursingboard.state.nv.us).

## MRC Photo ID Badges

All MRC volunteers should have a photo ID badge. If you plan to attend one of the new volunteer orientation meetings listed on the next page we can take your photo then and print your badge. Or, please call 325-8013 to make an appointment; the process only takes a few moments. Thanks!

**We're on the web!**  
[www.mrcwashoe.org](http://www.mrcwashoe.org)

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## Orientation Meetings for New Volunteers

If you haven't been to an orientation meeting yet, please plan to attend one of the following sessions:

**September 1**, 12:00-1:00 pm (feel free to bring your lunch)

**September 1**, 5:15-6:15 pm

Times are estimated; we may go slightly longer, depending on the number of attendees. If you can only stay for part of the time, that's fine. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other MRC volunteers. You will also have your photo taken and ID badge printed.

**Please RSVP** - (email to [dbarone@washoecounty.us](mailto:dbarone@washoecounty.us), or call 328-6111) so we'll know how many people to expect at each session and can reserve the appropriate meeting space. Meetings will be at the Health District, 1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. B, Reno.

***Volunteers building strong, healthy  
and prepared communities.***

## Kudos to one of our members! Doreen Begley, MS, RN

Congratulations to Washoe County MRC member Doreen Begley!

At the recently held Healthcare Heroes Awards Ceremony, Doreen was honored as a Northern Nevada Nurse of Achievement in the category of Nursing Leadership. Along with 9 other awardees, Doreen was feted at a gala awards dinner held at the Silver Legacy Resort as part of the celebration of Nurses Week. The event was to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to healthcare in Nevada.

Doreen has been a member of the Washoe County MRC since February, 2008. We are very fortunate and proud to have her.



## Save the Date! Saturday, October 17, 2009

The date has been set for the Washoe County Health District's Full-Scale Operational Exercise: Saturday, October 17, from approximately 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

You know all those Incident Command System courses you've been taking? Want to see how that system is used to manage a real event? Then plan to be a part of Washoe County Health District's Rotary Family Flu Shot Day. During this exercise, seasonal flu shots (**seasonal—not H1N1**) will be given **free** to the general public, in order to test Washoe County's mass dispensing plan.

Many volunteers will be needed to participate in this event, so please pencil in this date on your calendar. Additional information will be distributed next month. Hope to see you there!

**Review ICS 100, 200 and 700**

# Plan to Attend! ICS Refresher Training

- When:** September 18, 2009  
9AM-Noon
- Where:** Washoe County Health District  
Conference Rooms A and B
- Trainers:** Robin Albrandt,  
Washoe County Health District  
Stacey Belt,  
Carson City Health & Human Services

**Seating is limited!**  
**To register email Robin Albrandt at**  
**[ralbrandt@washoecounty.us](mailto:ralbrandt@washoecounty.us)**

To attend this classroom training, you must have already completed 100, 200 and 700 online courses. You still have plenty of time to do so.

Here are the links: <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100a.asp>  
<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is200a.asp>  
<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is700a.asp>

After completing each course you will receive a confirmation via email. Forward these messages to [dbarone@washoecounty](mailto:dbarone@washoecounty), so the information can be added to your training record. Thanks!