



## GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

On October 24, 2009, the President of the United States declared a national emergency pursuant to section 201 of the National Emergencies Act to facilitate the country's ability to respond to the H1N1 influenza virus. The H1N1 epidemic is moving rapidly and, as with the rest of the country, it is necessary for the State of Illinois to continue to combat and prevent the spread of the virus. Over the last two months, the State of Illinois has received shipments of the H1N1 influenza vaccine and the local health departments, hospitals and physicians have vaccinated individuals in the five priority groups identified by the Center for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, i.e., pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, health care and emergency medical services personnel who provide direct patient care, persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years, and people 25 through 64 years of age who are at higher risk for H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

As a greater number of individuals in the federally identified priority groups become vaccinated, and as the supply of available H1N1 influenza vaccines increases, the Illinois Department of Public Health has decided to allow health care providers to begin vaccinating the general public for the H1N1 influenza on December 15, 2009. When the H1N1 influenza vaccine becomes available to the general public, the State of Illinois anticipates a significant surge in the demand for vaccination.

Therefore, in the interest of aiding the citizens of Illinois, medical facilities, and the State agencies and local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I hereby proclaim that a public health emergency exists in the State of Illinois.

This gubernatorial proclamation will assist the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health in coordinating State efforts in accordance with the State emergency response plans. This proclamation will allow for modification of scopes of practice for occupations with training to give vaccinations as well as assist with patient treatment.

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Pat Quinn  
Governor

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