



## WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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### WEEKEND CLINICS MARK NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK

**JOLIET** – The Will County Health Department has scheduled four free walk-in H1N1 community clinics to coincide with National Influenza Vaccination Week (January 10-16).

Will County is teaming with the Joliet Chapter of National Hook-Up for Black Women, Inc. to offer two church-based clinics in Joliet Sunday, from 1-4 p.m. All are welcome to clinics set for the Mt. Zion Baptist Church (402 Singleton Place), and the Second Baptist Church (156 S. Joliet Street).

Additional clinic events are scheduled for Romeoville January 15 and Joliet January 16.

The Romeoville Recreation Center (900 W. Romeo Road) will serve as a clinic site January 15, from 1-4:30 p.m. On January 16, H1N1 vaccine will be available at Westfield Louis Joliet (3340 Mall Loop Drive), from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) has been established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination after the holiday season. The event was originally scheduled for early December, but was moved to help boost influenza awareness at a time when the demand for flu vaccine usually drops significantly.

Even though Will County H1N1 community clinics have already provided more than 23,400 vaccine doses during events scheduled in Joliet, Lockport, Plainfield, Bolingbrook, Frankfort, Wilmington, and Crete since October 28, the Health Department hopes NIVW will help spread the word to audiences who have opted to forego vaccination so far. Flu confirmations have been declining for several weeks, but national flu experts say that a new wave of illness could occur at any time.

The Health Department will also sponsor clinics January 22 (Crete) and January 24 (Plainfield). A special needs clinic by appointment is available at the 501 Ella Avenue Facility in Joliet on January 14.

For more information about Will County Health Department flu immunization services, email [info@willcountyhealth.org](mailto:info@willcountyhealth.org) or telephone 815-727-8480.



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