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HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES H1N1 VACCINE SHIPMENT: COMMUNITY CLINIC SET FOR NOVEMBER 9 IN LOCKPORT

JOLIET - The Will County Health Department (WCHD) received a shipment of H1N1 vaccine from the Illinois Department of Public Health early Thursday.

This shipment contains various formulations of vaccine, and will enable the WCHD to provide appropriate H1N1 vaccine to pregnant women, infants, adolescents, and eligible adults.

WCHD H1N1 clinics will continue to focus on high-risk priority groups identified by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The high-risk priority groups are: pregnant women; People who live with or care for infants; health care and emergency services personnel; persons between 6 months and 24 years of age; and people between 25 and 64 years of age with chronic underlying medical conditions.

WCHD distributed 1,072 doses of inhalable H1N1 vaccine and 201 doses of preservative-free injectable vaccine for infants November 4, during a walk-in community clinic at the Hickory Creek Middle School in Frankfort. Will County has now conducted five community clinics and will be offering a walk-in clinic November 9, at Lockport East High School (1333 E. 7th), from 3-9 p.m. A seventh community clinic is scheduled from 3-9 p.m. November 10, at Crete-Monee High School (1515 W. Exchange).

"We have provided more than 8,900 doses of vaccine to date and are grateful for the receipt of vaccine today," according to Will County Health Department executive director John Cicero. "This new shipment enables us to go forward with operations – we hope to receive another shipment soon that will enable us to plan for clinics down the road. The demand for vaccine is still great. We expect to be dealing with influenza through the winter months and beyond."

WCHD operated community H1N1 clinics in Joliet October 29, and November 1. Clinics have also been conducted in Plainfield and Bolingbrook.

The latest information about Will County H1N1 clinics and vaccine availability will always be available at www.willcountyhealth.org. The agency's H1N1 Information Line is available 24 hours daily at 815-740-7624.



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