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NO INJECTABLE VACCINE YET, BUT WILL COUNTY H1N1 CLINICS BEGIN WEDNESDAY

JOLIET - The Will County Health Department launches a series of free, walk-in H1N1 community flu clinics from 3-9 p.m. October 28, at Plainfield Central High School (24120 Fort Beggs Dr).

H1N1 vaccine is produced in two forms. The health department currently possesses several thousand doses of an inhalable vaccine. Novel H1N1 vaccine is also produced in an injectable form, but Will County currently has no doses of injectable vaccine. The health department may receive injectable doses of H1N1 vaccine any day.

"We will go forward with our scheduled community flu clinics with the expectation that we will receive injectable vaccine any time now," according to Will County Health Department executive director John Cicero. "The inhalable mist is a safe and effective vaccine for normally healthy people between the ages of 2-49 years old. When we receive injectable vaccine, we will offer the nasal mist along with the injectable form at our clinics."

The inhalable H1N1 nasal mist is not recommended for persons with chronic underlying medical conditions, pregnant women, children younger than two years old, or persons over the age of 49. The inhalable mist is often preferred by normally healthy children because it does not involve a needle stick.

Persons who have received nasal mist for the 2009-2010 seasonal influenza should wait at least 21 days before receiving the novel H1N1 nasal mist.

The Health Department has also scheduled clinics October 29 at Joliet Central High School, and October 30, at Brooks Middle School in Bolingbrook. Additional clinics commence November 1, through November 10, at Joliet West High School, Hickory Creek Middle School (Frankfort), Lockport East High School, and Crete-Monee High School.

For more information about H1N1 community clinics in Will County, visit www.willcountyhealth.org/swineflu. You can also hear a prerecorded list of clinic locations and times at 815-740-7624. Video is available at www.YouTube.com/WillCoHealth.



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