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### WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES INJECTABLE H1N1 VACCINE

*Limited quantity of the thimerosal-free vaccine for infants will be distributed at upcoming clinics*

**JOLIET** - The Will County Health Department (WCHD) received a limited quantity of thimerosal-free H1N1 flu vaccine late Wednesday afternoon. This new vaccine is recommended exclusively for children between 6 and 35 months of age. This vaccine, along with the previous allotment of nasal spray mist, will be dispensed during upcoming community vaccination clinics.

#### Those clinics are:

- Joliet Central High School, 201 East Jefferson Street, Joliet, 5:30 PM to 10 PM on October 29, 2009.
- Brooks Middle School, 350 Blair Lane, Bolingbrook, 3 PM to 9 PM on October 30, 2009.
- Joliet West High School, 401 North Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Noon to 6 PM on November 1, 2009.

These vaccines will be administered free of charge to people who live and work in Will County. No community vaccine clinic has been canceled or postponed.

#### Priority Groups Restated

WCHD has two vaccines with different priority groups, according to the CDC. These priority groups have been established because of the limited nationwide supply of H1N1 flu vaccine. WCHD understands that this may cause confusion among the general public.

The priority groups for nasal spray mist are normally healthy young people between the ages of 2 and 24 years, or any adult younger than 49 years of age who cares for children younger than 6 months.

There are no priority groups for the thimerosal-free injection, but this vaccine is administered exclusively to children between 6 and 35 months of age.

People who are not part of these priority groups do not need to receive the H1N1 vaccine at this time. If you presently have a cold or fever, you cannot receive any vaccine. Everyone who wants to receive a vaccine, however, will have the opportunity to do so as the vaccine becomes more available.



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All dates are subject to change depending upon the availability of the vaccine.

The public can learn more about H1N1 flu, priority groups, and see the complete schedule of community vaccination clinics by visiting [www.WillCountyHealth.org/SwineFlu](http://www.WillCountyHealth.org/SwineFlu) or following the agency on Twitter (@WillCoHealth).