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WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DISPENSE H1N1 FLU VACCINE

The H1N1 vaccine will be administered at no cost to the public through a series of community vaccination clinics through December, 2009

JOLIET - The Will County Health Department (WCHD) has received an initial quantity of the H1N1 flu vaccine and will begin dispensing this medication through a series of community vaccination clinics beginning on October 28, 2009. The vaccine will be administered free of charge to people who live and work in Will County.

Because of the limited nationwide supply of H1N1 flu vaccine, WCHD recommends this vaccine to certain priority groups:

- Pregnant women.
- Anyone who cares for children younger than 6 months of age.
- Young people between the age of 6 months and 24 years of age.
- People younger than 64 years of age with chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease.

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

"Health agencies around the nation will receive the H1N1 vaccine in multiple shipments each week," said John Cicero, WCHD Executive Director. "Our objective is to distribute the first shipments of vaccine to the priority groups that are most susceptible to this disease. There will be ample supply throughout the flu season, so anyone who wants this vaccine can get it. We want to make sure these priority groups are served first."



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COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINICS ANNOUNCED

The WCHD will conduct community vaccination clinics at the following locations:

- **Plainfield Central High School**, 24120 West Fort Beggs Drive, Plainfield, 3 PM to 9 PM on both October 28, 2009 and November 16, 2009.
- **Joliet Central High School**, 201 East Jefferson Street, Joliet, 5:30 PM to 10 PM on October 29, 2009, and 4 PM to 10 PM on November 21, 2009.
- **Brooks Middle School**, 350 Blair Lane, Bolingbrook, 3 PM to 9 PM on October 30, 2009, and 4 PM to 10 PM on November 24, 2009.
- **Joliet West High School**, 401 North Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Noon to 6 PM on November 1, 2009 and November 22, 2009.
- **Hickory Creek Middle School**, 22150 116th Avenue, Frankfort, 3:30 PM to 9:30 PM on November 4, 2009 and December 2, 2009.
- **Lockport East High School**, 1333 East 7th Street, Lockport, 3 PM to 9 PM on November 9, 2009 and November 30, 2009.
- **Crete-Monee High School**, 1515 West Exchange Street, Crete, 3 PM to 9 PM on November 10, 2009 and December 1, 2009.

These clinic locations coincide with geographic distribution of confirmed cases of H1N1 flu by the Illinois Department of Public Health and U.S. Centers for Disease Control earlier this year.

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 or following the agency on Twitter (@WillCoHealth).