

# H1N1 Flu Virus Media Release



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**Current Situation:** School/community H1N1 vaccination clinics will begin on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Clinic locations and dates are attached and are also posted on the Health Department website. Clinics are scheduled in every St. Clair County school district in at least one school building throughout the months of October, November and early December from 1:30 – 8pm. The vaccine will be administered by the St. Clair County Health Department **at no cost**. Scan (consent) forms and vaccine information will be sent home with St. Clair County school students prior to clinic dates. Forms will also be available at all branches of the St. Clair County Library system, as well as available at all clinic sites. In the event of clinic cancellations, the Health Department website (**H1N1 clinic locations**) and hotline will be continuously updated and residents are encouraged to visit the website often for current information.

Initial vaccine is being targeted to the following at-risk groups:

- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6 months – 24 years
- Caregivers of children under 6 months of age
- Health care workers/emergency first responders
- Anyone aged 25-64 with underlying health conditions

However, anyone who wants to be vaccinated can do so at any clinic location in the county

## **Current Recommendations:**

- Complete scan (consent) form and bring to vaccination clinic. Those with accurate, completed 2-sided scan forms can enter the express line at vaccination clinic sites. Every person desiring to be vaccinated will need their own scan form. There is only one 2-sided form for both adults and children.
- Review Vaccine Information Sheets. 2 forms of the vaccine are available (nasal mist and injectable) and therefore 2 information sheets will need to be reviewed
- Watch for information coming home with county school students. ***Children presenting for vaccination without a parent or guardian in attendance must present the signed scan (consent) form at the time of vaccination.***

## **Personal Protection Reminders:**

- Wash hands often or use alcohol based hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissue or your sleeve
- Stay home when you are sick (24 hours after fever is gone)
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Frequently clean commonly shared surfaces (door knobs, etc.)

## **Resources for more information:**

[www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health](http://www.stclaircounty.org/offices/health)

[www.cdc.gov/h1n1](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1)

[www.michigan.gov/h1n1](http://www.michigan.gov/h1n1)

24/7 H1N1 flu hotline: 1-800-552-1183

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