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### **Health Department Announces Initiation of Mobile H1N1 Vaccination Service**

St. Clair County Health Department has developed a mobile H1N1 immunization team that will provide free, on-site H1N1 vaccinations for county businesses and organizations. As of mid-November, an estimated 47 million Americans have had 2009 H1N1 influenza with approximately 213,000 hospitalizations and 9,820 deaths. There is no way to accurately predict the course of influenza epidemics. Although influenza activity has declined in recent weeks, many persons remain unprotected and additional cases, hospitalizations and deaths are expected to occur this season. There are still four months of flu season remaining.

H1N1 influenza is still circulating within our community. Vaccination, along with everyday personal protective measures such as frequent hand washing, continues to be the most effective tool for preventing infection.

Centers for Disease Control is now encouraging people who have been patiently waiting to receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine to get vaccinated. This includes:

- People 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women



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- Household contacts and caregivers of infants younger than 6 months
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- All individuals six months through 24 years of age
- Individuals 25 through 64 years of age who have medical conditions associated with higher risk of complications from influenza.

It is important for unvaccinated people in these groups to take advantage of the ample vaccine supply and get vaccinated now. Vaccine is available to all Michigan residents.

The mobile, on-site service is available after hours and weekends and can be tailored to meet individual business and community needs. Registered Nurses from the St. Clair County Health Department will administer the vaccine.

For more information and to schedule an on-site vaccination clinic, contact Margaret Sturgis at the Health Department: 810-987-5300 extension 1546.

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