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STATE TO EXPAND H1N1 VACCINE AVAILABILITY RESTRICTIONS LIFTED FOR ALL FUTURE WILL COUNTY H1N1 CLINICS

JOLIET – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has announced that H1N1 vaccine will be available to everyone beginning Tuesday, December 15.

The decision to relax H1N1 eligibility guidelines means that all will be welcome at future Will County Health Department community walk-in clinics. The next scheduled community clinic is December 17, at Plainfield Central High School (24120 Fort Beggs Drive). The clinic is scheduled for 6-10 p.m.

The Health Department has already distributed more than 19,250 doses of H1N1 vaccine during 14 community clinics in Joliet, Plainfield, Lockport, Bolingbrook, Frankfort, and Crete. Health Department executive director John Cicero believes the decision to relax H1N1 eligibility guidelines is appropriate.

“The initial focus of Will County H1N1 clinics was making sure that high-risk area residents received priority,” he said. “Restricting eligibility was the sensible thing to do when vaccine was in short supply. Now that vaccine shortages have been alleviated, we want to reach out to seniors, and everyone else interested in protecting themselves against the H1N1 flu.”

The December 17 Plainfield Central clinic is the first of five walk-in H1N1 community events scheduled for the balance of December. Clinics are set for December 18, at the Brooks Middle School in Bolingbrook; December 20, at Joliet West High School; December 28, at Lockport East High School; and December 30, at the Hickory Creek middle School in Frankfort. The Bolingbrook and Lockport clinics are set for 6-10 p.m. The Joliet West clinic will be 1-6 p.m., and the Frankfort clinic is 4:30-9:30 p.m.

Persons younger than six months old and individuals who are allergic to eggs **WILL NOT** be immunized. All clinics are subject to vaccine availability.

The Will County Health Department H1N1 Flu Information line is available 24 hours daily at 815-740-7624.

Questions regarding all Will County H1N1 clinics may be emailed to info@willcountyhealth.org.



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