

# News

## Macomb County Board of Commissioners and Health Department



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### **Additional H1N1 flu vaccine clinic to be held at Freedom Hill on Saturday, Nov. 7**

**MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich.** – The Macomb County Health Department will hold another community H1N1 influenza clinic at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights this Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Freedom Hill is located at 14900 Metropolitan Parkway.

Last week, the Macomb County Health Department held four community clinics at the park; a total of more than 11,000 doses were administered during these sessions. At least 3,000 additional doses of injectable and nasal spray vaccines will be available at this Saturday's clinic, both are free of charge.

"We continue to receive additional shipments of vaccine regularly," said Tom Kalkofen, director of the Macomb County Health Department. Residents are encouraged to visit the Health Department's Web site, [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth), or to call the county's flu hot line at 586.466.7923 for updated clinic dates and locations.

In addition to the public clinics, 30,000 doses of vaccine have been distributed to hospitals and private physician offices in Macomb County through the state-established H1N1 vaccine enrollment process. Many of these providers are pediatricians and OB/GYNs, which targets two high-risk populations: young children and pregnant women.

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Due to the limited availability of vaccine, the Macomb County Health Department encourages those in the following high-risk groups to be vaccinated at this time:

**INJECTABLE VACCINE**

- Pregnant women
- New parents and household contacts of children less than 6 months of age
- Healthy children and young adults 6 months through 24 years of age
- Health care and emergency medical services workers (regardless of age)
- Adults ages 25 to 64 years of age with high-risk medical conditions that increase risk of complications from influenza

**NASAL VACCINE**

Healthy, nonpregnant persons who:

- Are from 2 through 24 years of age
- Are from 25 through 49 years of age and live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age
- Are health care or emergency medical services workers and are from 25 through 49 years of age

Children under 10 years of age need two doses of vaccine to receive adequate immunity. These children need to wait at least 28 days before receiving the second dose.

For additional information about the H1N1 flu, visit the health department's Web site at [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call the County's flu hotline at 586.466.7923.

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