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Two more community H1N1 flu vaccine clinics scheduled; Clinic for healthcare workers set for Nov. 12

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Two more large community H1N1 influenza clinics have been scheduled by the Macomb County Health Department. The clinics will be held at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights on Saturday, Nov. 14 and 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At least 3,000 doses of both the nasal spray and injectable versions of the vaccine will be offered free of charge at each of these clinics.

In addition to these public clinics, a clinic for health care workers and health care volunteers only has been set up for Thursday, Nov. 12, from noon to 7 p.m., also at Freedom Hill. The has defined health care workers as persons working in health care settings who have the potential for exposure to patients with influenza. This includes settings such as hospitals, nursing facilities, physicians' offices, outpatient clinics, dental offices and home health care.

Forty thousand doses of both types of vaccine have also been distributed to hospitals and private physician offices in Macomb County that requested it through the state-established H1N1 vaccine enrollment process. Many of these providers are pediatricians and OB/GYNs, which target two high-risk populations: young children and pregnant women.

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Due to limited availability of vaccine, the Macomb County Health Department recommends those in the following high-risk groups 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, non-pregnant 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 less than 10 years old need two doses of vaccine to receive adequate immunity. These children need to wait at least 28 days before receiving the second dose.

Macomb County continues to receive additional shipments of vaccine regularly. Please visit the Web site, www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth or call the Macomb County flu hot line at 586.466.7923, regularly for updated clinic dates and locations.

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