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Vaccine shipment clears way for clinics

The Kane County Health Department received a shipment of 17,500 doses of the H1N1 vaccine today, clearing the way for the department to open its first community clinics Oct. 26. The shipment included 8,000 doses of the nasal spray and 9,500 of the injections, making both types available to those who want them.

“This shipment represents about a third of our total order and it is a good start to our vaccination campaign,” said Paul Kuehnert, Executive Director. “We are focusing on the priority groups initially as we go forward with our clinics.”

Kane County residents who fall into one or more of the following priority groups will be eligible to receive H1N1 shots at these community clinics. The five target groups for the H1N1 vaccine are:

- pregnant women,
- persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers),
- health-care and emergency medical services personnel
- persons aged 6 months--24 years
- persons aged 25--64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications

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The Health Department will make the vaccine available free of charge at the community clinics. No appointment or doctor's note is necessary to receive the vaccine.

Nearly 200 private providers in Kane County—doctor's offices, clinics and pharmacies—also have submitted orders for the H1N1 vaccine, which will make it available to residents at multiple locations throughout the county.

The public clinics will be on three successive Monday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

Oct. 26

East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Lane, Aurora
St. Charles North High School, 255 Red Gate Road, St. Charles
Larkin High School, 1475 Larkin Ave., Elgin

Nov. 2

Dundee Crown High School, 1500 Kings Road, Carpentersville
Central High School, 44W625 Plato Road, Burlington
Illinois Math and Science Academy, 1500 W. Sullivan Road, Aurora

Nov. 9

Hampshire High School, 1600 Big Timber Road, Hampshire
Mooseheart, Route 31, between North Aurora and Batavia
(Third site to be determined)

The Health Department also is planning to open two Saturday clinics, on Nov. 21 and Dec. 5, at a location yet to be determined.

Once the demand for vaccine for these target groups has been met, the Health Department and local providers will begin vaccinating everyone from ages 25 through 64 years. Current studies indicate the risk for infection among persons age 65 or older is less than the risk for younger age groups. Therefore, as vaccine supply and demand for vaccine among younger age groups is being met, programs and providers should offer vaccination to people over the age of 65.

CDC recommends that children nine and younger receive two doses of 2009 H1N1 vaccine, which should be separated by one month. Infants younger than 6 months are too young to get the 2009 H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines. The health department recommends that you contact your physician if you have any questions about whether you or a member of your family should receive the vaccine.

The Health Department's Web site www.kanehealth.com is updated regularly with the latest information on H1N1. Residents can call the Department's Question Line, (630) 208-3315, and leave a question and someone will return the call as soon as possible.

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