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**WAUKESHA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
BEGINS H1N1 FLU VACCINATION CLINICS FOR TARGET GROUPS**

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Waukesha County Public Health Division announced today plans to hold free, public vaccination clinics next week to provide intranasal H1N1 flu vaccine to healthy people who are between 2 and 49 years of age, caregivers of infants under 6 months of age, and health care workers and emergency responders. At this time, the only vaccine available is the live, intranasal vaccine that can only be administered to healthy individuals between the ages of 2 and 49.

The vaccination will be given on a first come, first serve basis until the vaccine supply runs out at the Waukesha County Expo Center Forum Building on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, October 27th from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28th from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29th from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“If supply is available, we will continue to vaccinate all residents requesting the vaccine,” said Peter Schuler, Waukesha County Health Officer and Director of Health and Human Services. “At this point, however, due to limited supply, we would like to focus on vaccinating those in the target groups.”

The intranasal vaccine is very safe and effective, however, it should not be administered to those under age 2 and over age 49, anyone with a severe allergy to eggs, pregnant women, anyone with a weakened immune system or anyone with diabetes, asthma, or any other chronic medical condition.

The Division of Public Health expects the injectable vaccine to be available in the coming weeks and will announce clinics to administer the injectable vaccine once the shipment has arrived. Those targeted to receive the injectable vaccine include pregnant women, children between the ages of 6 months and 2

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years and anyone with a weakened immune system or underlying medical conditions in addition to the groups listed above.

Those who may suspect they are ill with H1N1 like symptoms should not plan to attend the clinics.

Symptoms of H1N1 include:

- Fever over 100°
- Cough
- Sore throat

Although local, state, and federal agencies are working to contain this outbreak, there are simple steps that can be taken to prevent illness. These prevention steps include:

- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Getting vaccinated once the vaccine is available to the public

For more information, and to learn more about the H1N1 virus and upcoming clinics please visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/pandemicflu or dial 2-1-1. This service will provide information on prevention and community resources. Your call to 2-1-1 is free and confidential, and is available throughout Wisconsin. 2-1-1 service is available 24 hours 7 days per week. If your cellular provider does not allow calls to 2-1-1, please call (866) 211-3380 or (262) 547-3388.

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