

H1N1 Flu Clinic Scheduled

A H1N1 flu clinic will be held on Saturday, November 21 from 8:00 – 11:30 AM at the health department for those in the priority groups. Vaccine will be provided at no charge and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Because of the limited supply of vaccine available, the CDC has established priority groups that include pregnant women; people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age; healthcare and emergency medical personnel; persons between the ages of 6 months to 24 years old; and people ages 25 to 64 years old who are at higher risk because of health disorders or compromised immune systems.

“We are receiving small shipments weekly, and now have enough vaccine to offer a mass clinic,” stated Linda Weldon, communicable disease supervisor at the health department. “For now, we must follow the CDC guidelines and only offer vaccine to those in the priority groups; however, we hope to offer it to anyone who wants a vaccine in the future.”

The health department will continue to offer H1N1 vaccine clinics on weekdays by appointment, based on vaccine availability. Appointments can be made by calling the Flu Hotline at 694-4040, Monday –Thursday from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. Additionally, health department staff and interpreters will be available during this time to answer questions. The 24-hour hotline operates at other times with a recorded message.

H1N1 vaccine consent forms and information about seasonal and H1N1 flu is available at www.hendersoncountyflu.org.

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