

DeKalb County Health Department

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Health Department Expands Availability of H1N1 Vaccine And Offers Vaccine by Appointment

Earlier today, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced that all Illinoisans will be eligible to receive the H1N1 flu vaccination beginning December 15. This announcement increases access to the H1N1 vaccine for DeKalb County residents.

Before December 15th, because of vaccine shortage, vaccine was limited to serving the Centers for Disease Control target populations. Those individuals are at greatest risk for complications from the H1N1 influenza. “Now that Illinois is beginning to receive a more steady flow of vaccine, it can be offered to anyone 6 months of age and older” said Karen Grush, Public Health Administrator. This change is good news for DeKalb county residents because it substantially increases access of the H1N1 vaccine” said Grush.

In light of these changes, the Health Department will expand vaccine availability at its clinics beginning December 15. Injectable vaccine will be available to all people six months of age and older. Vaccine will be free.

“We appreciate the patience of all those who have been waiting. I also want to emphasize the importance of people in the target groups continuing to make appointments either with the Health Department or with their health care providers to get the vaccine” said Grush.

The DeKalb County Health Department will offer appointments for H1N1 vaccine clinics starting on December 15th. All clinics will be held at the DeKalb County Health Department, 2550 North Annie Glidden Road in DeKalb.

Beginning Friday, December 11th at 8:00 AM, appointments can be made by calling the new toll free number 1-888-726-2412. Residents may call this number 24 hours a day 7 days a week to reserve a vaccination time.

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Appointments can be scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday, December 15th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, December 17th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 22nd from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 29th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

For more information, visit the Health Department website at:

www.dekalbcountyhealthdepartment.org