

DeKalb County Health Department

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H1N1 Flu Clinics Scheduled November 14 and November 22

Two additional H1N1 flu clinics have been scheduled; one in Genoa and one in Sandwich.

The Genoa clinic will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Genoa Kingston High School, 980 Park Avenue.

The Sandwich clinic will be held on Sunday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Sandwich High School, 515 Lions Road.

Both Clinics will have injectable H1N1 flu vaccine and are for priority DeKalb County residents in the CDC initial target groups.

“Since we continue to have a limited amount of vaccine, these clinics are for DeKalb County individuals in the following high priority target groups,” states Grush.

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- All people ages six (6) months through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel

The Health Department asks for your cooperation in meeting the above criteria to receive vaccination. Vaccinations will not begin before 9:00am. No appointment is necessary. Vaccines are free of charge and given on a first come first served basis.

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The Health Department is reminding residents that this is a long-term campaign that will continue for months until everyone who wants a shot has received one. Once the high priority populations have received the vaccine, the Health Department will provide the vaccine to the general public.

There will be many ways to receive an H1N1 vaccine in DeKalb County. In addition to the Health Department clinics, vaccinations are expected to be available from a large number of community healthcare providers, pharmacies and clinics in November and December. Northern Illinois University will be providing vaccine for their students.

Grush encourages pregnant women to check with their obstetrician to see if they have vaccine available for them before coming to the public clinic.

Instructions for the clinic:

- **Minor Children:** Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- **Clothing:** Wear short sleeves for easy access to upper arm for injectable vaccine.
- **Wait time:** Expect an extended wait. Bring items for children, such as water, snacks, and diapers.
- **Consent Forms:** Consent forms for this clinic for individuals 4 years and older are on the Health Department H1N1 flu website. This form can be printed, completed, and brought to the clinic. Forms for 6 months to 4 years will be available at the clinic.
- **Vaccination Fact Sheet:** Please review the Vaccine Fact Sheets. You will not be given the vaccine if you are: (1) Allergic to eggs (2) Had a fever of 100° or greater in the past 24 hours (3) Have had a life threatening reaction after a dose of seasonal flu vaccine.

For more information go to the Health Department website at:

www.dekalbcountyhealthdepartment.org, or call the hotlines at English 815-748-2410; Spanish 815-748-2425.