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H1N1 IMMUNIZATIONS TO BE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

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DELAWARE, Oh., Dec. 14, 2009 – H1N1 immunizations will be available to everyone by appointment starting this week, the Delaware General Health District announced today.

The Delaware General Health District's appointment-only immunization clinics will be conducted in Grady Memorial Hospital's new Delaware Health Center at 801 OhioHealth Boulevard, Delaware. That's a short distance east of U.S. 23S opposite Camp Lazarus Boy Scout Camp in south-central Delaware County. All visitors are asked to enter and exit via U.S. 23.

Appointments will be available Tuesday, Dec. 15, through Wednesday, Dec. 23, with more clinics to be announced later. To make an appointment online, log on to www.delawarehealth.org and follow the link. You also can make appointments by calling 740-368-1700 and speaking with the receptionist.

Persons wanting the H1N1 vaccine also are encouraged to download consent forms and to preregister online via the link on www.delawarehealth.org and bring their completed consent forms and preregistration form to the clinic.

This week only, the appointments will be available during the following times:

- Tuesday 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday 12:45 to 4:30 p.m.
- Persons 65 and older only – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Health District will have several thousand doses of injectable and nasal spray vaccine, and will be able to serve up to 100 clients per hour during the upcoming clinics. The appointment system will enable the Health District to increase or decrease capacity to meet demand.

The Health District is very pleased that the Ohio Department of Health is lifting eligibility restrictions for H1N1 immunizations today, so most people will be able to get the vaccine starting this week. However, H1N1 immunizations are recommended most strongly for people at greatest risk for flu complications – pregnant women, children and young adults ages 6 months through 24, health care providers in direct patient care, parents and people who live with infants under 6 months old, and adults through age 64 with chronic medical conditions.

Since Oct. 26, the Delaware General Health District has given nearly 12,000 H1N1 immunizations to people in those high-risk categories. In addition, vaccine has been distributed to Grady Memorial Hospital and local medical providers.

Children under 10 who received their first dose of H1N1 vaccine earlier should get a second dose at least 28 days later. Parents must sign consent forms for children to receive vaccine. Parents wanting to send their children to a clinic with someone else, such as a grandparent, needs to phone the Health District at 740-203-2040 and speak with a nurse before the day of the clinic.

Additional information is available at www.delawarehealth.org or by phoning 740-203-2015.

The Health District wishes to thank Grady Memorial Hospital for its generosity in allowing usage of the Delaware Health Center facility for H1N1 immunization clinics.