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DELAWARE COUNTY'S NEXT LARGE-SCALE H1N1 CLINIC SET TUESDAY

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DELAWARE, Oh., Nov. 6, 2009 – Delaware County's next large-scale H1N1 immunization clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

The Delaware General Health District clinic is for the following groups at high risk for H1N1 flu:

- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6 months to 18 years
- People who live with or care for babies under 6 months old
- Health care providers in direct patient care (please bring an ID to prove employment)

Tuesday's clinic is scheduled for 1 to 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds, located on the north side of the City of Delaware. Drivers are asked to enter via the U.S. 23 gate and will be directed to parking areas, including handicapped parking; all other gates will be closed. The immunization clinic will be in the Merchants Building.

The Health District expects more H1N1 vaccine in to be delivered on Tuesday. The supply includes both injectable vaccine and Flu Mist nasal spray. Persons wanting the H1N1 vaccine are encouraged to preregister online via the link on www.delawarehealth.org and bring their preregistration form to the clinic.

In light of heavy demand for H1N1 immunizations, clients might have to wait up to a few hours in cool weather, and should prepare accordingly. The Health District suggests dressing comfortably and bringing drinking water, lawn chairs, something to read, and activities to keep

children occupied. Food vendors will be selling foods and drinks on the site, and rest rooms and handwashing facilities will be available.

Except for WIC, all other Health District clinic services normally provided on Tuesdays have been canceled because of the H1N1 clinic.

The Health District urges people wanting the H1N1 vaccine to be aware of the following important information:

- Tuesday's clinic will be only for people in the high-risk groups described above. More clinics will be scheduled later once more H1N1 vaccine is received. Persons not in the high-risk categories will be offered the vaccine after high-risk persons get their opportunity.
- Parents or legal guardians who want others (grandparents, for example) to bring their children to immunization clinics are strongly urged to phone the Health District at 740-203-2040 during weekday business hours **before** the day of the clinic. Parents or guardians must speak with a nurse, answer health assessment questions, sign consent forms, and review vaccine information statements before their children can receive vaccine. This is required regardless of whether the children are preregistered online. Children arriving at clinics without the above steps being followed will not be able to get the vaccine.
- Pregnant women will not be required to show documentation of their pregnancy.
- The H1N1 vaccine and parking on the fairgrounds will be free, and no payments of any kind will be required.
- The clinic will have Flu Mist nasal spray vaccine and injectable vaccines with and without preservatives.
- The Health District has inspected and approved more than 40 other local medical providers to receive H1N1 vaccine for their patients, although it is uncertain when those providers will receive vaccine. In addition, the state is providing H1N1 vaccine to certain large chain stores with pharmacies.

The clinic will be conducted by the Delaware General Health District staff with assistance from the Delaware County Emergency Medical Service, Delaware County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Delaware City Police, the Delaware County Fair Board, and community volunteers.