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H1N1 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC WEDNESDAY AT DELAWARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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DELAWARE, Oh., Nov. 30, 2009 – The Delaware General Health District will conduct another large-scale H1N1 immunization clinic on Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

The clinic will serve the following groups at high risk for H1N1 flu:

- Pregnant women
- Children and young adults aged 6 months to 24 years. Children who received their first dose of H1N1 vaccine prior to Nov. 5 will be eligible to get their second dose.
- People who live with or care for babies under 6 months old
- Persons aged 25-64 years with chronic medical conditions (Asthma, Neurological Conditions, Chronic Lung Disease, Heart Disease, Blood Disease, Endocrine Disorders, Kidney Disorders, Liver Disorders, Metabolic Disorders, Weakened Immune System due to medication or disease). Clients are asked to bring a list of their medications to the clinic.

Both injectable vaccine and nasal spray vaccine will be available. 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 demand for H1N1 immunizations, clients might have to wait up to a few hours in cool rainy 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. Rest rooms will be available. Clients can check on the length of the line via a live webcam view on www.delawarehealth.org while the clinics are operating.

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

- Wednesday's clinics will be only for people in the high-risk groups described above. Persons not in the high-risk categories will be offered the vaccine after high-risk persons get their opportunity.
- Adults with chronic medical conditions must bring a list of their medications to the clinic.
- Parents or legal guardians who want others (grandparents, for example) to bring their children to immunization clinics must 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.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that children 9 and younger get a second dose of H1N1 vaccine at least 28 days after the first dose.
- 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 nasal spray vaccine and injectable vaccines with and without preservatives.

The clinics 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 Delaware Citizens Police Academy volunteers.