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DELAWARE COUNTY'S FIRST LARGE-SCALE H1N1 CLINIC SET MONDAY; SEASONAL FLU VACCINE SUPPLY NEARLY EXHAUSTED

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DELAWARE, Oh., Oct. 21, 2009 – Delaware County's first large-scale H1N1 immunization clinic is scheduled for Monday afternoon at Buckeye Valley High School.

The Delaware General Health District clinic is only for persons 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.

Monday's clinic is scheduled for 3 to 8 p.m. at Buckeye Valley High School, 901 Coover Road, Delaware. That is a short distance from U.S. 23 just north of the City of Delaware.

The Health District has about 2,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine in stock. 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.

Meanwhile, the Delaware Health District is cancelling seasonal flu shot clinics after Thursday, Oct. 22. The Health District has only about 400 doses of seasonal flu vaccine left for the public, and expects to use all of them on Thursday.

Seasonal flu immunizations will be offered Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Scioto Township Hall in Ostrander, and at the Children's Immunization Clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. at 3 W. Winter St. in Delaware. Demand for seasonal flu vaccine has been unprecedented this

fall. Between large turnouts at the initial public clinics and reservations by large local employers, the Health District has already administered or allotted as many doses as in all of last year.

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

- Monday'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.
- Pregnant women will not be required to show documentation of their pregnancy.
- The H1N1 vaccine will be free, and no payments of any kind will be required.
- The clinic will have two types of H1N1 vaccine: Flu Mist, which can be given to healthy children aged 2-18, and injectable vaccine containing the preservative Thimerosal. Injectable H1N1 vaccine without Thimerosal will not be available at Monday's clinic.
- Long lines are possible, so recipients might want to bring something to read while they wait.
- The Health District has inspected and approved more than 40 other local medical providers to receive H1N1 vaccine for their patients. In addition, the state is providing H1N1 vaccine to certain large chain stores with pharmacies.

Monday's 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, and community volunteers.