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February 2010 H1N1 Flu Vaccination Efforts in Genesee County

It is not too late to get vaccinated against pandemic H1N1 influenza! We are entering the peak of flu season, and the pandemic H1N1 flu virus remains the main cause of flu locally and across the country. The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated against pandemic H1N1 flu. Anyone who wants to prevent getting the flu and spreading it to others should get the pandemic H1N1 flu vaccine. People seeking the vaccine have several options:

First, the vaccine is offered during regular business hours with no appointment necessary at the GCHD's Burton Branch. Appointment-only evening clinics are being held every Wednesday in the month of February from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the same location. To schedule an evening appointment call (810) 237-4569. H1N1 vaccinations are free at the GCHD; however, clients with health insurance are asked to bring their insurance information.

Second, McLaren Visiting Nurse and Hospice is holding the following flu clinics, with H1N1 vaccine offered at no out of pocket cost (these clinics are open to the general public, young and old alike):

Location	Date and Time
Clio Senior Center 2080 West Vienna Road Clio, MI 48420	Wednesday, February 10, 2010 9:00 – 11:00am
Loose Senior Center 707 North Bridge Street Linden, MI 48451	Wednesday, February 17, 2010 9:00 – 11:00am

Third, vaccine is also available at several local pharmacies and at some doctor's offices and clinics. Residents should note that pharmacies and private health care providers may charge a fee to administer the H1N1 flu vaccine.

Children 9 years old or younger who already received their first dose of H1N1 flu vaccine must receive a second dose of vaccine at least 4 weeks after their first dose for full protection. Parents/Guardians seeking a second dose for their children should bring each child's H1N1 flu vaccination record.

While everyone 6 months of age and older should get vaccinated against pandemic H1N1 flu, it is especially important for children, pregnant women, people living with or caring for infants under six months old, people with certain medical conditions that put them at risk of serious complications from the flu, and health care workers to get their H1N1 flu vaccine.

Residents can find a complete list of public vaccine sites, including pharmacies, on the GCHD website and hotline. To view the website, visit www.gchd.us and click on "H1N1 Flu Clinic Locations." To reach the hotline, call (810) 257-3887.

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