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RE: Genesee County Health Department Announces "It's Not Too Late"
Billboard Campaign for H1N1 Pandemic Flu Vaccination

To promote awareness that it is not too late to get vaccinated against pandemic H1N1 flu, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) has launched a billboard campaign throughout Genesee County. Messages encouraging people to protect themselves and their families by getting vaccinated will be seen on the interstate, city streets, and buses throughout the county.

February is the peak of flu season, and the H1N1 pandemic flu virus remains the main cause of flu locally and across the country. "It is not too late to get vaccinated," said Mark Valacak, Genesee County Health Officer. "We have experienced two waves of the H1N1 flu pandemic so far. Experts are predicting a third wave because both flu pandemics in the last century had third waves. Vaccination offers the best protection."

GCHD strongly encourages everyone 6 months of age and older to 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 pandemic H1N1 flu vaccine.

Children 9 years old or younger who already received their first dose of pandemic H1N1 flu vaccine must receive a second dose of vaccine at least 4 weeks after their first dose for full protection.

People seeking the vaccine have several options. A complete list of public vaccination sites can be found 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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