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Special Novel H1N1 Nasal Spray Vaccine Clinics

The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) will hold special vaccine clinics for Genesee County residents in most need of the novel H1N1 flu vaccine:

WHEN: Tuesday October 27 & Thursday October 29, 2009
5:00 – 7:00 pm, **Walk-Ins Only.**

WHERE: Genesee County Health Department – Burton Branch
G-3373 S. Saginaw Street, Burton, MI 48529

The nasal spray vaccine is approved for use in people from 2 to 49 years of age who are not pregnant and who do not have certain health conditions (see below). However, because current vaccine supply is limited, vaccine will be provided **ONLY** to the following priority groups most in need of the vaccine:

- Children and young adults 2 through 24 years of age,
- People 25 through 49 years of age **ONLY** if they live with or care for infants less than 6 months of age, and
- Health care or emergency **medical** personnel (under 50 years of age).

The novel H1N1 vaccine is free to all. However, clients with health insurance **must bring their insurance information** to receive flu vaccine at no cost. This includes Medicare Part B, Medicaid, and Health Plus.

The nasal spray vaccine cannot be given to people with the following health conditions:

- An illness with fever or any respiratory illness until 3 days after symptoms have subsided.
- An allergy to any part of the vaccine, including eggs and gelatin
- Children and adolescents receiving aspirin therapy
- A history of Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Known or suspected immune system problems
- Pregnant women and people with certain medical conditions such as asthma, or reactive airways disease

If you have concerns about the nasal spray form of the novel H1N1 flu vaccine, ask your health care professional if it is right for you and your family. You may also go to www.medimmune.com/h1n1.aspx for more information.

The vaccine supply is expected to increase with time. As the supply increases:

- The GCHD will schedule and announce additional special clinics for the novel H1N1 flu vaccine.
- More people will be eligible to receive the vaccine.
- Vaccine will become available in other public venues outside the GCHD such as pharmacies and school-located clinics.
- Novel H1N1 flu shots will be available as an alternative to the nasal spray form of the vaccine.

IMPORTANT NOTE: School-located clinics are also being planned in all of Genesee County's 21 school districts. School-located clinics will proceed as soon as enough vaccine is on hand to schedule them.

The GCHD recommends checking with your primary doctor to see if he or she will be providing the novel H1N1 vaccine. The GCHD will post all public locations where novel H1N1 vaccine is available on its website and hotline. To view the website, visit www.gchd.us and click on "H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Information and Updates." To reach the hotline, call (810) 257-3887.

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