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Additional School Located Clinics for the 2009 H1N1 Flu Vaccine

Genesee County Health Department announces additional school-located 2009 H1N1 Flu Vaccine clinics in Genesee County. In cooperation with the Genesee Intermediate School District, the Genesee County Health Department, and the individual school districts, **the clinics will be operated by McLaren Visiting Nurse and Hospice. The clinics will give out 2009 H1N1 Nasal Spray vaccine AND the 2009 H1N1 Flu Shot.** The additional clinics are:

Location	Date and Time
Southwestern Academy 1420 West 12 th Street Flint, 48507	Tuesday, November 10, 2009 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Walk-In)
Flushing Senior High School 5039 Deland Road Flushing, 48433	Thursday, November 12, 2009 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Walk-In)
Lake Fenton High School 4070 Lahring Road Linden, Michigan 48451	Tuesday, November 17, 2009 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Walk-In)

Vaccine will be provided **ONLY** to the following priority groups most in need of the vaccine at this time:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- Healthy people from 2 years through 4 years of age – Nasal Spray Only
- All people from 4 years through 24 years of age – Nasal Spray OR Injectable Flu Shot
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

School-located clinics are being planned for all of Genesee County's 21 school districts and will proceed as quickly as vaccine supply allows. School-located clinics are open to priority groups in the community at large, not just to students of the district. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. Schools ask that clients begin lining up no earlier than 3:30pm.

The 2009 H1N1 vaccine is free to all. Yet, 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 the following people:

- Pregnant women;
- People under the age of 2 years old or people 50 years old or older;
- People at higher risk for complications from influenza, including those with chronic heart or lung disease, such as asthma or reactive airways disease; people with medical conditions such as diabetes or kidney failure; or people with illnesses that weaken the immune system, or who take medications that can weaken the immune system;
- Children younger than 5 years old with a history of recurrent wheezing;
- Children or adolescents receiving aspirin therapy;
- People who have had Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), a rare disorder of the nervous system, within 6 weeks of getting a flu vaccine,
- People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs or who are allergic to any of the nasal spray vaccine components.

If you have concerns about the nasal spray form of the 2009 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 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine, whether they are at the GCHD, at a school, or at a community center.
- More people will be eligible to receive the vaccine.
- Vaccine will become available in other public venues such as pharmacies.

The GCHD recommends checking with your primary doctor to see if he or she will be providing the 2009 H1N1 vaccine. The GCHD will post all public locations where 2009 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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