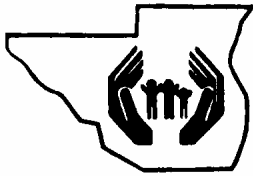


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H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinics

Pike County Health Department has received additional supplies of H1N1 vaccine. A total of 2500 doses of the H1N1 Flu Mist (nasal spray) vaccine and 800 doses of the injectable H1N1 vaccine have arrived. More shipments are expected in the coming weeks. Nearly 350 people received the H1N1 Flu Mist (nasal spray) form of the vaccine at the first special H1N1 clinic held at the health department on Friday, October 16th.

Certain people are at higher risk of complications due to the new H1N1 flu, so these people will be allowed to receive the new H1N1 vaccine first. According to Dr. Ronald Johnson, Medical Director for Pike County Health Department, "The risk of H1N1 spread is greater in people 6 months to 25 years of age and the risk of death is greatest in pregnant women".

Special H1N1 flu vaccination clinics have been scheduled on Friday, October 23rd from 9 am to 5 pm and on Saturday, October 24th from 9 am to 1:00 pm at Pike County Health Department. A parent or guardian must sign the vaccination consent form for children under the age of 18. No other walk-in services, such as blood pressure checks, will be available at the health department on October 23rd or on October 24th.

For these two special clinics, the following people are eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccine:

- All people aged 6 months to 24 years of age
- All pregnant women
- Caregivers and household members of children under age 6 months of age
- Adults aged 25 to 64 with underlying health conditions, such as asthma and diabetes
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel

The most effective means of preventing the spread of H1N1 influenza are to: 1) Practice good hygiene, such as, covering coughs, washing hands frequently and staying home when sick. 2) When available, receive the H1N1 flu vaccine.

Please use the following resources for the most current information regarding H1N1 flu vaccination clinics in Pike County:

WBBA radio, 97.5 FM

Pike County newspapers

Pike County School newsletters

Pike County Health Department web site: www.pikecoilhealth.org

Phone message at 285-4407, option 9

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