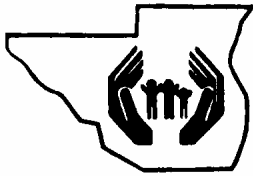


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H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinics

Pike County Health Department administered over 1000 doses of the H1N1 influenza vaccine during special clinics held last week. Both the Flu Mist (nasal spray) and the injectable form of the vaccine were used during these clinics. Health Department Administrator, Anita Andress, states, "We were very pleased with the turnout for the clinics. Our staff worked well together to make the process as easy as possible for those seeking the vaccine. Deputies Steve Lehr and Clint Weir from the Pike County Sheriff's office made sure the parking lot area remained safe and there were no injuries. The general public was very cooperative and understanding."

Another special H1N1 flu vaccination clinic has been scheduled for Friday, October 30th from 9 am to 5 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 30th. Certain people are at higher risk of complications due to the new H1N1 flu, so these people will continue to be allowed to receive the new H1N1 vaccine first.

For the special clinic on October 30th, 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 continue to be: 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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