

Media Release

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES H1N1 FLU CLINICS

CANTON, OHIO, NOVEMBER 19, 2009: The Stark County Health Department will be providing the H1N1 flu vaccine on **Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 10am until 4pm at four locations in the community.** The locations are:

Marlington Middle School – 10325 Moulin Ave NE, in Alliance

Tuslaw High School – 1847 Manchester Ave NW in Massillon

Oakwood Middle School – 2300 Schneider St. NE in Canton

Hoover High School – 525 7th Street NE in North Canton

These clinics are for those that are in the Tier 1 Priority Group and there is no charge for the vaccine.

Since there is only a limited supply of injectable vaccine available, it will be reserved for only those in the high risk groups listed below:

- Pregnant women
- Health Care Workers and First Responders with direct patient care 50 years of age and older
- People who live with or care for infants under the age of 6 months that are 50 years of age and older
- Children between the ages of 6 months through 24 years of age with chronic illnesses
- Individuals 25 years of age through 64 years that have a chronic medical condition that puts them at a higher risk of influenza related complications.

All other healthy individuals in the Tier 1 Priority Group under the age of 50 will be offered FluMist nasal spray only. These include:

- Parents, caregivers, or individuals under the age of 50 that live with infants less than 6 months of age
- Health care workers under the age of 50
- Healthy persons ages 2-24 who have no history of chronic illnesses

These restrictions will remain in place as long as there is a limited supply of injectable vaccine available. It is anticipated that the supply of both injectable and nasal vaccine

will be increased by the middle of December and at that time the restrictions will be lifted.

For more information on the H1N1 vaccine or clinic locations, visit www.starkflu.org.

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