

H1N1 Vaccinations Now Open to All Iowans

Iowa Influenza Hotline: 1-800-447-1985

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced that beginning Monday, December 14, 2009; all Iowans will be eligible to receive an H1N1 flu vaccination. “Local public health agencies have done a tremendous job during this vaccination campaign, and in getting those at highest risk vaccinated,” said IDPH Director Tom Newton. “We feel confident that it is now time to expand H1N1 vaccinations to the general public.”

While H1N1 vaccinations will be available to all Iowans beginning Monday, IDPH continues to encourage those at highest risk of complications to make sure they are vaccinated.

Public health officials predict that another wave of H1N1 illness will occur during the usual time Iowa sees the highest rates of influenza activity – late January and February. Thus being immunized as soon as possible will give Iowans protection against this possible third wave of illness.

The next clinic opportunity for Mills County residents will occur at the Mills County Public Health Office on Thursday, December 17th from 9-12 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. The office is located at 101 Central St. here in Glenwood. “We are hoping for a good turnout on the 17th,” said Sheri Bowen, Agency Adm. for Mills Co. Public Health. “We have a good supply of vaccine on hand and we would like to protect as many folks as possible prior to the holidays.”

Clinic participants are encouraged to download and complete the consent forms prior to clinic to decrease wait time. For additional information on H1N1 Clinics, please contact Public Health at 517-9699 or access the website at www.mcph.millscoia.us.