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Health Department Schedules H1N1 Vaccination Clinic

Taney County Health Department announces first public H1N1 vaccination clinic

The first H1N1 public vaccination clinic will be held on Thursday, October 29 at both Taney County Health Department locations from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm. This clinic is for children age 2 to 18 and only the nasal spray vaccine will be available. Appointments are required to receive a vaccination.

The live, attenuated virus, nasal spray vaccine is licensed for use of children age 2 to 18 that do not have any chronic medical conditions. It cannot be given to pregnant women or children younger than two years of age.

The health department can expect to receive weekly shipments of vaccine. The amount and type of vaccine depends on production. The health department has already provided H1N1 vaccine to area health care workers and emergency response personnel.

“It was important to protect the health care and emergency response workers to maintain a healthy health care workforce as the H1N1 influenza continues to spread,” said Robert Niezgod, TCHD epidemiologist, “now we will begin to shift our focus to the next priority group of children.”

Taney County schools have seen an increase in the number of flu-like illness this year compared to last year. Recently, the Bradleyville and Taneyville school districts closed in order to break the chain of illness occurring in those locations after they experienced a 20 percent absenteeism rate. Other county schools have seen increases, but not at a level that closing schools has been considered at this time.

Please call the Branson office at (417) 334-4544 or the Forsyth office at (417) 546-4725 to schedule an appointment for the clinic on October 29th. Visit our website at www.taneycohealth.org for more information.
