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DuPage County Health Department announces clinics and phone number for residents to call for H1N1 flu shot appointments

Priority groups get vaccine first; later there will be enough for everyone

The DuPage County Health Department announces that DuPage County residents who meet priority group criteria may call beginning today to schedule appointments to get flu shots to protect against the novel H1N1 influenza virus.

The initial clinic schedule will cover Oct. 22 to Nov. 8, including weekends. Additional dates will be announced as vaccine becomes available. Enough vaccine is being manufactured for everyone in the United States.

All flu shots will be given by appointment only at this time. County residents may call 1 (866) 311-1123 to make appointments. Calls will be taken on a 24/7 basis.

Times, dates and locations of the daily clinics will be posted on www.protectdupage.org, the DuPage County emergency information web site.

The U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) designated five priority populations that should receive the novel H1N1 vaccine first:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than six-months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- All people from six-months through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 to 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza

To stay healthy and limit the spread of flu, remember the 3 Cs:

- **CLEAN** – wash your hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs.
- **COVER** – your cough and sneeze with a tissue or sleeve, not your hand.
- **CONTAIN** – contain your germs. Stay home if you are sick.

Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday

In an emergency go to www.protectdupage.org and tune to WDCB 90.9 FM radio.