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All Health Departments In Winnebago County Open H1N1 Flu Vaccine to General Population

Winnebago County, WI – Effective immediately, the City of Oshkosh, City of Menasha, City of Neenah and Winnebago County Health Departments are offering H1N1 vaccine to all persons. “Increase in vaccine availability now allows us to vaccinate anyone that wants it, not just those previously identified in the target groups,” said Denise Krueger, Public Health Nurse with the City of Oshkosh Health Department. Area health departments have been holding community and school based clinics over the past two months to provide H1N1 vaccine only to those most at risk from H1N1 flu complications. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that about 1.5 million doses of H1N1 vaccine have been shipped to Wisconsin since vaccine became available in October. “With school age vaccination campaigns nearing completion and new shipments of vaccine arriving weekly, we are focusing our efforts toward the whole community,” said Mary Jo Turner, Public Health Nurse Coordinator with the Winnebago County Health Department.

According to the most recent weekly State Department of Health Services flu surveillance report all identified flu viruses circulating are H1N1 flu. The CDC has reported that from April to mid-November the H1N1 flu virus has resulted in about 200,000 hospitalizations – as many as are usually seen in an entire winter flu season. “Vaccination offers the best protection from getting seriously ill from flu,” said Judy Crouch-Smolarek, Director of the City of Neenah Health Department. The CDC also estimates that about 15 percent of the US population has been infected with H1N1 flu, leaving the majority of the population still vulnerable and reminds the public that it is still important to get vaccinated. Sue Nett, Director of the Menasha Health Department stated, “This is not a normal flu season, it’s a pandemic that will last much longer. Our normal seasonal flu vaccine timelines don’t apply for H1N1 and individuals should take advantage of this newly broadened availability of vaccine to protect themselves and their families.”

Public Health Departments in Winnebago County offering H1N1 vaccine:

- Winnebago County Health Department – walk-in or by appointment for anyone M-F. Walk- in hours 10 AM to 3 PM or make an appointment by calling 232-3000. Late clinic until 6 PM on Wednesday, December 16th – by appointment only.
- City of Oshkosh Health Department – For anyone by appointment only. Call 236-5030 to make appointment. Community clinics are being planned and will be announced as scheduled.
- City of Menasha Health Department – For anyone by appointment only. Several clinics scheduled before December 23rd. Call 967-3520 for appointment.
- City of Neenah Health Department – For anyone by appointment only. Clinic appointment times are available but limited this week. Additional clinics will be set up in January. Call 886-6167 to schedule an appointment.

Other H1N1 clinic locations and times are available. Call 211 or visit www.flu.wisconsin.gov and click on the flu clinic finder to find the most up to date clinic listing in your area.

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