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H1N1 Vaccination Clinics Scheduled for Madison County

December 10, 2009

4pm – 8pm,* Anderson Mounds Mall

*A separate line will be set up for children 9 and under due for their second dose (1 month since their first dose)

December 15, 2009

4pm-7pm, **Frankton Elementary, 1303 E. St Rd 128

December 17, 2009

4pm – 7pm, **Anderson Wigwam

**Clinics in both educational facilities will not open until promptly 4pm to keep all children safe and to not interfere with afterschool operations.

All clinics are free of charge.

The Madison County Health Department would like to also update the public on the recent changes in the state's approach to ensuring priority populations are being vaccinated for the H1N1 virus. The Indiana State Department of Health has released these most recent findings:

Indiana

Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)

- Influenza activity is waning
- H1N1 vaccine is plentiful at this point
- Polls indicate approximately 50% of the public will accept the vaccine and we have nearly 1.5 million doses in the state. We have approximately 3 million in the target groups, so we have enough vaccine in the system dedicated to target groups to cover the 50%.
- After Dec. 20, vaccine will be open to the general population, but still encouraging target populations

Madison County

Madison County Health Department (MCHD)

- Influenza activity is waning
- Interest in vaccine is waning, as clinics are not as heavily visited as month ago with ample supplies available.
(i.e. Hoosier Park-2000, Alex-1600, Elwood-800, Pendleton-640)
- All clinics beginning in Jan will be open to general population. Details are forthcoming once plans are finalized. Public can expect regular clinic hours for the month of January.
- MCHD has set up a delivery system to physicians interested in providing vaccine to their patients
- MCHD has contracted with a few pharmacies in the county to help with vaccine distribution. First shipments are going out today, 12/7/2009. Contact Meijer and Kroger for more detail.

As always, it is important that all individuals continue to practice disease prevention by covering coughs with sleeves or disposable tissue, washing hands often with soap and warm water, staying home and away from others while sick, and not returning to school or work until fever free without a fever reducer for 24 hours.