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H1N1 vaccine production is building up and while this production is increasing there is not enough vaccine to let everyone be first. Medical and other providers were given the limited vaccine supply first in order to reach target groups and doctors know their medically fragile patients. As supplies build health department clinics will be set up for children. Clinic time will be set up with little led time due to uncertain supply and this department's decision get the vaccine out and not stockpile it.

Clinics

The Marshall County Health Department (MCHD) will be holding H1N1 vaccination clinics for school age children and younger siblings in the schools.

- This is dependent on the amount of vaccine received and types: see 'Vaccine Supply'.
- Do to uncertainty in vaccine supply, clinics will have a few days notice not weeks
- The plan is to ask Plymouth, Bremen, Culver, Bourbon, Argos, and Union North for facilities to set up clinics and notify parents.
- This will be repeated as needed and then a clinic for everyone.
- Forms to be used at the vaccine clinics will be posted on the Marshall County Web site and the schools will be asked to post the forms and other information.

Vaccine Supply

Vaccine is being ordered by the state not the counties.

- Vaccine is still being received in limited, but increasing, quantities
- Clinics will be held as soon as vaccine amounts allow
- Often counties have 24 hours or less notice on what was ordered and shipping delays, back orders, and vaccine types hamper effective planning until the shipment arrives
- Vaccines from different manufactures were tested on and approved for different age groups which added an additional complication.

Vaccine distribution

Marshall County Health department is not storing vaccine, or giving H1N1 shots at the health department.

- The initial small supplies of vaccine were distributed to medical and other providers to allow it to be distributed throughout the county
- With increased supplies health department clinics are being set up

- Extra vaccine is still being sent to medical and other providers to reach CDC target groups

Why Children Clinics

Children are the largest target group and school clinic can reach them most efficiently

- Limiting the spread of H1N1 in children will limit H1N1 in the community as a whole and help protect everyone
- medical and other providers can reach other target populations and will still be getting the vaccine