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**Saginaw County Department of Public Health
Announces H1N1 Vaccine Clinic for
ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) announces that ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC will be able to receive the H1N1 vaccine at a clinic on Saturday, December 12, 2009, Dow Event Center, 303 Johnson Street, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Due to availability of the vaccine, the Michigan Department of Community Health is lifting the high-risk group restrictions. SCDPH is pleased to now be able to administer the vaccine to any Saginaw County resident who wishes to receive it.

"It is important to remember that H1N1 virus is still present in the community. Vaccination is the most effective tool in fighting the virus", states Natasha Coulouris, Director and Health Officer for the Saginaw County Department of Public Health. "We thank the public for their patience and cooperation during the early stages of limited vaccine supply. The good news is finally here—the H1N1 vaccine is now available to anyone who wishes to receive it, at no cost to them".

Any child who is 9 years old or younger, and received the first dose of the H1N1 flu vaccine on or before November 14, 2009, can obtain the necessary second dose of the vaccine during this clinic. Parents/Guardians **MUST** bring their child's Influenza Vaccination Record in order to receive the second dose.

There is no charge for the vaccine. Persons wishing to get the vaccine for themselves or their children should bring proof of identification. Persons are also strongly encouraged to bring insurance cards with them to clinics, if available.

At this time, it is expected that nasal Flu Mist vaccine will be administered at the clinic unless specific illnesses or conditions prevent its use. The injections will only be given to those who cannot take the nasal vaccine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccines have not been associated with any unexpected adverse events or possible side effects. They are made the same way as the seasonal flu vaccines, which have a very good safety track record.



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SCDPH continues to distribute H1N1 vaccine to enrolled area providers and pharmacies who will also administer doses. Please visit our Web site www.saginawpublichealth.org, www.google.com/flushot, or call our 2009 H1N1 information line at (989) 758-3828 for more information regarding H1N1 vaccine availability.

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