



To: Douglas County Health Care Providers/Partners

October 30, 2009

The Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) will hold its first free public H1N1 vaccination clinic on **Thursday, November 5, 2009** at the **First United Methodist Church (7020 Cass St)**. The clinic will be open all day (9 am to 8 pm). DCHD will have at least 5,000 doses available for this clinic. School-located clinics will occur the following week (see list below). Clinics will continue 2-3 times per week throughout the county for the next several weeks (locations and times to be announced). This begins the second phase of the DCHD's vaccine distribution strategy.

The first clinics will target the following priority groups as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). After vaccine starts to become more widely available, vaccination will be opened up to groups not included in this first target population.

- Pregnant women
- Children 6 months through 24 years of age
- Anyone who cares for an infant under 6 months
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Anyone 25 through 64 years of age with a chronic health conditions which put them at higher risk for severe complications

To date over 20,000 doses of vaccine have been distributed to health care practices and health/hospitals systems in the community. These providers are continuing to vaccinate target populations and health care workers and DCHD will continue to distribute vaccine to them.

More than 10,000 people in the target group, including targeted patients and health care workers, were vaccinated during the first 3 weeks of vaccine availability. Of the 16,700 doses of vaccine received in the county during the first three weeks, 47% was distributed to private physician offices, 36% to hospitals and large health systems, 8% to colleges and universities, 6% to area emergency medical personnel, and 3% to the Douglas County Health Department for vaccinating pregnant women who otherwise could not find vaccine.

Through October 23, all doses of vaccine that were allocated to Douglas County were distributed to health care providers for their staff and target-group patients. Our most important goal was to distribute vaccine to those who could administer it to target groups as quickly as possible. DCHD did not keep any vaccine until the week before the first public clinic. Starting the week of October 26, doses were ordered for the DCHD public clinics. Information on the public clinics:

Public Clinics for Target Groups (listed above)

LOCATION	DATE	TIME OPEN
First United Methodist Church 7020 Cass Street	November 5, 2009 (Thursday)	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Burke High School 12200 Burke Blvd (120 th St. and W. Dodge Rd.)	November 10, 2009 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Benson High School 5120 Maple St	November 12, 2009 (Thursday)	4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

If you have ANY questions or concerns about H1N1 vaccination, PLEASE call us at (402) 444-4639.