



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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## Health Department Announces H1N1 Influenza Clinics

Kenosha – October 16, 2009 – The Kenosha County Health Department is announcing a series of open public clinics to administer the H1N1 vaccine starting on October 24. In addition, nearly 20 private providers in Kenosha County—doctor’s offices, clinics and pharmacies—also have submitted orders for the H1N1 vaccine, which will make the vaccine available to residents at multiple locations throughout the county.

The Kenosha County Health Department will conduct nine public clinics to dispense H1N1 flu vaccine over the course of five weeks. The Health Department will make the vaccine available **free of charge** at the community clinics.

Saturday, October 24  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Kenosha County Center  
19600 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol

Saturday, November 7  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Kenosha County Job Center (Entrance D)  
8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha

Tuesday, October 27  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Tremper High School  
8560 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha

Wednesday, November 11  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Wilmot High School  
11112 308<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wilmot

Saturday, October 31  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Kenosha County Job Center (Entrance D)  
8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha

Saturday, November 14  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Kenosha County Center  
19600 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol

Thursday, November 5  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Carthage College – Tarble Athletic and  
Recreation Center Upper Field House  
2001 Alford Park Drive, Kenosha

Tuesday, November 17  
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Brass Elementary School  
6400 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha

Saturday, November 21  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Gateway Technical College – Madrigrano  
Auditorium  
3520 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha

Kenosha County residents who fall into one or more of the following target groups will be eligible to receive H1N1 shots at these community clinics. The five target groups for the H1N1 vaccine are:

- pregnant women,
- persons who live with or provide care for infants aged less than 6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- health-care and emergency medical services personnel
- persons aged 6 months--24 years
- persons aged 25-64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications

They are also advising residents who are ill to not attend a community clinic until symptoms have subsided.

“We know the H1N1 flu vaccine is both safe and effective,” said Frank Matteo, Health Officer/Director. Clinical trials were conducted on the vaccine by the National Institutes of Health and licensed by the FDA. The H1N1 flu vaccine is produced exactly the same way the seasonal flu vaccine is produced every year. It is simply a new virus strain.

Once the demand for vaccine for these target groups has been met, the Health Department and local providers will begin vaccinating everyone from ages 25 through 64 years. Current studies indicate the risk for infection among persons age 65 or older is less than the risk for younger age groups. Therefore, as vaccine supply and demand for vaccine among younger age groups is being met, programs and providers should offer vaccination to people over the age of 65.

CDC recommends that children nine and younger receive two doses of H1N1 flu vaccine, which should be separated by one month. Infants younger than 6 months are too young to get the H1N1 flu and seasonal flu vaccines. The health department recommends that you contact your physician if you have any questions about whether you or a member of your family should receive the vaccine.

The Health Department encourages residents to access reliable sources for information and updates such as the following web sites:

<http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/dhs/Divisions/Health/>

<http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov>

<http://www.flu.gov/>

Or call the Health Department directly at (262) 605-6700 or (800) 472-8008.

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