



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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## **Kenosha County Health Department Prepares for First H1N1 Vaccination Clinic** *Clinic is Aimed at Vaccinating Target Groups in Kenosha County*

Kenosha – October 20, 2009 – Kenosha County residents will be able to receive the H1N1 vaccine this Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Kenosha County Center located at 19600 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Bristol. The vaccine will be provided free of charge and on a voluntary first-come first served basis. H1N1 vaccination clinics will remain open and scheduled dependent on vaccine supply.

The Health Department is encouraging residents who fall into one or more of the following target groups to receive the H1N1 vaccine at these first 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

Once the demand for vaccine in these target groups has been met, the Health Department and local providers will begin vaccinating everyone from ages 25 through 64 years. The Health Department is stressing there will be enough vaccine for everyone, but the supply is based on the production and release of vaccine by the manufacturers.

The health department is also encouraging citizens who live outside of Kenosha County to contact their local health department about H1N1 vaccination clinics in their area. Most local health departments in Southeastern Wisconsin will be conducting community H1N1 vaccination clinics in the coming weeks.

Those attending Kenosha County H1N1 vaccination clinics should bring a completed H1N1 consent form with them to expedite the clinic process. The consent form can be downloaded from the Kenosha County Health Department H1N1 website under vaccine & clinics.

Seasonal flu vaccine and childhood immunizations will not be administered at any of the H1N1 vaccination clinics.

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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