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Kenosha County Division of Health Announces Availability of Seasonal Influenza Vaccine

Kenosha – September 16, 2009 – The Kenosha County Division of Health is now providing the seasonal influenza vaccine at their two clinic locations. At this time, the injectable flu vaccine is available for adults. The injectable vaccine also available for children ages 6 months - 35 months and FluMist is available for children ages 2 years through 18 years. Seasonal influenza vaccination is not to be confused with vaccine for the H1N1 flu (swine flu) which should be available in mid-October. H1N1 flu vaccine is not intended to replace the seasonal flu shot.

In the meantime, the Kenosha County Division of Health along with other local, state and federal public health officials are urging residents to get a seasonal flu shot as soon as it is available. The best way to keep from getting the seasonal flu is to get vaccinated.

Kenosha County Division of Health has the following walk-in clinics:

Kenosha County Job Center/Human Services Building
8600 Sheridan Road, Suite 600
Kenosha, WI 53143
Monday-Friday (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
* First Thursday of every month (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Kenosha County Center
Hwy 45 & Hwy 50
Bristol, WI 53104
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday (8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

The cost for the flu shot is \$28 and \$40 for the pneumonia vaccine (also available). Cash, check, or Medicare part B accepted. Children under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present to receive the vaccine.

As we approach flu season, the Kenosha County Division of Health recommends some basic preventive steps, in addition to vaccination, to stay healthy and limit the spread of viruses.

Remember the 3 C's:

- **Clean-** properly wash hands frequently. Routinely clean surfaces that multiple people touch often.
- **Cover-** cover your cough and sneeze. Use a tissue and discard immediately or cough or sneeze into your sleeve if a tissue is not available.
- **Contain-** contain your germs by staying home if you are sick. Persons with flu-like symptoms should stay home from school, work, and social gathering, until 24 hours after fever is gone (without fever-reducing medication).

This fall the Division of Health is working closely with our local, regional, and state health partners to monitor the spread of both the seasonal and H1N1 viruses in our community. Check the Division of Health website, <http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/dhs/Divisions/Health/NavPages/SwineFlu.php> for frequent updates or call the main number at (262) 605-6700 or (800) 472-8008.

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