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**APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR FREE H1N1 VACCINATIONS**  
**Washtenaw County Public Health Department Offers Four Dates Prior to the Holidays**

YPSILANTI, Mich., Dec 15, 2009 — Washtenaw County Public Health Department is now taking appointments for H1N1 vaccination. Public Health is located at 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti MI, 48198. Please call 734-544-6700 for an appointment. H1N1 vaccinations are free. Individuals must have an appointment to attend. Approximately 1,400 appointments are available over four dates:

- Wednesday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

“H1N1 vaccinations are now more widely available in the community, and many residents can get vaccinations at their health care provider or at their local pharmacy,” says Dr. Diana Torres-Burgos, MD, MPH, Medical Director for Washtenaw County Public Health. “It is important for Public Health to continue offering H1N1 vaccinations free of charge to residents without a regular health care provider or whose health care provider is not offering H1N1 vaccinations.” Dr Torres-Burgos noted that other health care providers and pharmacies are allowed to charge an administrative fee for H1N1 vaccinations.

All interested persons, especially those who fit the high priority groups, are encouraged to seek H1N1 vaccination. In addition, two doses of the H1N1 vaccine are required for children under 10 years of age. The recommended separation between doses is four weeks (28 days), and the minimum is three weeks (21 days).

For updates, please visit [www.ewashtenaw.org/flu](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/flu) or call 734-544-6700. Directions to Public Health by car or public transit are also available on the website:

[http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public\\_health/washtenaw-county-public-health/directions](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public_health/washtenaw-county-public-health/directions).