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## WASHTENAW COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCES H1N1 CLINIC DETAILS Additional H1N1 Mass Vaccination Date Set

YPSILANTI, Mich., Nov 4, 2009 — Washtenaw County Public Health Department is providing H1N1 vaccinations to high priority groups at a mass vaccination clinic scheduled for Thursday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti MI 48197. Another H1N1 vaccination clinic date is now confirmed for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>; location and hours to be announced.

H1N1 vaccine supplies remain limited. Thursday's clinic at EMU is open to persons in high priority groups, based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The clinic is walk-in only. Public Health staff will screen and provide wristbands to eligible persons. Wristbands will correspond to a two-hour time slot. Individuals may choose to wait, or to return during the appointed time. Individuals will not be allowed in the building until approximately 9:00 am. H1N1 vaccinations will begin at 10:00 am and continue until 7:00 pm, or until the last person with a wristband is served. Public Health anticipates providing approximately 4,000 wristbands to eligible individuals.

“We are looking forward to a smooth, safe and efficient process on Thursday,” says Public Health Medical Director, Diana Torres-Burgos, MD, MPH. “We are doing everything possible to reach those most at risk with the H1N1 vaccine we have available,” she continued.

An individual must have a wristband to receive an H1N1 vaccination. A wristband does not guarantee a vaccination; it confirms the availability of a dose and eligibility according to high priority groups. Private medical screening will take place inside the clinic. Preservative free, injectable H1N1 vaccine is not currently available at this clinic.

Public Health expects the larger facility and increased staffing to reduce waiting times, especially for those that may be in more fragile health. EMU Convocation Center provides ample parking, and Public Health has

arranged for portable toilets and water outside the facility. In addition, there will be limited, sheltered space for waiting once the clinic opens. All persons are asked to dress appropriately for the weather.

According to CDC guidelines, high priority groups for H1N1 vaccine while supplies remain limited include:

- Pregnant women
- Household and caregiver contacts of children younger than 6 months of age
- Children from 6 months through 4 years of age
- Children and adolescents aged 5 through 18 years who have medical conditions associated with a higher risk of influenza complications
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient care

Individuals within these priority groups should live, work or attend school in Washtenaw County. Specific documentation of underlying medical conditions is not necessary; health care and emergency services personnel should bring their employment identification.

For updates to the H1N1 vaccination clinic schedule, visit [www.ewashtenaw.org/flu](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/flu). Public health nurses and health educators are available to answer more detailed questions 734-544-6700.

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