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### **WASHTENAW COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCES NEXT H1N1 CLINIC Scheduled Clinic in Western Washtenaw Remains Focused on Priority Groups**

YPSILANTI, Mich., Nov 24, 2009 —Washtenaw County Public Health Department has confirmed its next H1N1 vaccination clinic for priority groups. The date is Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at Manchester High School, located at 20500 Dutch Drive, Manchester MI 48158. Please note the location is the new high school. Vaccinations will begin at 10:00 am and continue until 3:00 pm, or until the last person with a wristband is served. Wristbands will be provided to eligible persons on site starting at 9:00 am, one hour prior to the clinic opening.

As with prior clinics, a wristband indicates the individual has been screened for eligibility and a dose is available. Wristbands are available while supplies last. Parents and guardians may pick up wristbands for their children and return with the children at the appointed time. A parent or guardian must accompany minors under 18 during vaccination. In addition, individuals may pick up wristbands for persons with physical disabilities affecting mobility. An individual must be wearing a wristband to receive an H1N1 vaccination. Wristbands correspond to a specific time slot. Individuals may choose to wait, or to return during the appointed time.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), priority groups for H1N1 vaccine include:

- Pregnant women
- Household and caregiver contacts of infants younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient care
- Individuals from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Individuals 25 through 64 years with medical conditions that put them at a higher risk of influenza-related complications

Examples of underlying medical conditions include: chronic lung diseases such as asthma or COPD; weakened immune systems; cancer, diabetes, kidney or liver disorders; cardiovascular disease (except hypertension); and

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

Public Health will provide both H1N1 flu shots and the FluMist (nasal spray). Preservative free, injectable H1N1 vaccine is not currently available at the scheduled clinic. All persons are asked to dress appropriately for the weather.

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 H1N1 questions 734-544-6700.

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