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H1N1 vaccination clinics scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21

Washington County's Department of Public Health and Environment is conducting H1N1 flu vaccination clinics for children 4 through 9 years of age from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Nov. 21, at the following three locations:

- Washington County Government Center, 14949 62nd St. N., Stillwater;
- Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Parkway S., Cottage Grove;
- Headwaters Forest Lake Service Center, 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake.

There is no charge for the vaccination. Due to the continued limited supply of vaccine, changes to clinic operations Nov. 21 may occur. At this time, the department is reaching out to families with children attending Washington County schools.

The county is following the Minnesota Department of Health recommendations for targeted groups who are at greatest risk from the 2009 H1N1 flu virus. Additional clinics are planned for December. Parents may call the Department Message Center at 651-430-6820 or check www.co.washington.mn.us/flu for vaccination clinic information.

“The county is collaborating with the school districts and other community partners to ensure a strong public health response to the H1N1 flu outbreak,” said Lowell Johnson, Director of Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment.

Prevention of illness is still the primary message for the total population, this includes:

- Get the seasonal flu vaccine and the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available. Even if people have already had flu-like illness this year, their immunity against H1N1 is not guaranteed,
- Stay home from school, work or other activities if you are ill,

- Cover your cough and sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue,
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or have hand sanitizer available.

Vaccination clinic information is listed at www.co.washington.mn.us/flu. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) 24/7 toll-free FluLine is available to offer support and treatment options for people with possible symptoms of the flu at 1-866-259-4655. For additional information and fact sheets about season flu or H1N1, go to www.mdhflu.com.

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