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KCHD expands H1N1 Vaccination Clinics

The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department (KCHD) today announced its next phase of strategy to expand the H1N1 vaccination campaign to all citizens of Kanawha County. KCHD has already been sharing the vaccine local hospitals and providers who have signed up to receive it for the past several weeks. County schools have completed the first round of vaccinations and will soon complete the second round. Additionally, the vaccine has been distributed to area colleges and universities to hold student clinics prior to Christmas break.

Beginning next week, the KCHD will work with its partners to hold several H1N1 vaccination clinics open to the general public. The vaccine will be offered to all adults (18 years and older) at no cost. The details of the clinics are as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Conducted by
Monday December 14, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Charleston Civic Center	Kanawha-Charleston Health Department
Wednesday December 16, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Charleston Town Center Mall – Center Court	Thomas Hospital Systems
Thursday December 17, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 pm.	1201 Washington Street, East, Room 108, (across from General Hospital)	Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC)
Wednesday December 23, 2009	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, 108 Lee Street, East, Charleston	Kanawha-Charleston Health Department

All clinics are subject to vaccine availability.

Over the past several weeks, KCHD and their local partners have used various strategies to reach the at-risk populations including pregnant women; people who live with or care for children less than 6 months of age; all people 6 months to 24 years; people 25 to 64 years with chronic medical conditions; and healthcare workers. We will continue our efforts to vaccinate this population.

"We want to take advantage of the down trends in illness to vaccinate as much of the folks as possible since the future of the disease is really unpredictable", stated Dr. Gupta. "In addition to being vaccinated, residents can help stop the spread of illness by washing hands thoroughly and often; covering mouths when sneezing or coughing; and staying home from work or school if sick."

For more information, please call The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department H1N1 Flu Hotline at (304) 348-8077 or access our website at

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