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Title: H1N1 appointment only clinic to be held in Cedar Rapids

Cedar Rapids, IA δ Linn County Public Health (LCPH) in cooperation with Community Health Free Clinic will be holding an H1N1 vaccination clinic for high risk groups listed below. The H1N1 clinic will be held this Sunday November 15th from 1 . 5 p.m. at the Community Health Free Clinic located at 947 14th Ave SE.

This clinic will be by appointment **ONLY!** People that qualify for the H1N1 vaccine **MUST** call Linn County Public Health at **892-6009** to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins will not be accepted. If you do not schedule an appointment or all appointments are full (we can accommodate up to 900 scheduled times), another public first-come-first-serve clinic will be held within two weeks, date and location to be announced soon.

Due to an increase in the vaccine allotment to Linn County, the initial restricted groups have been expanded to include the following high risk groups identified by the CDC.

Individuals that are in the following categories qualify for the clinics mentioned above.

- pregnant women,
- household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age,
- health care and emergency medical services personnel,
- all people from 6 months through 24 years of age,
- persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

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Injectable and flu mist vaccine will be available at the clinic. If you qualify for the flu mist, you will be required to accept this form of vaccine. Injectable vaccine is in limited supply.

We are receiving enough vaccine to offer a public clinic, however, the limited supply of vaccine is still restricting who we can offer it to, says Curtis Dickson, Director Linn County Public Health. We appreciate the public's understanding in our efforts to vaccinate the population at greatest risk first.

We anticipate a large number of phone calls for scheduling a vaccination time for the clinic. Please be patient, when all scheduled appointments are made, we will activate the automatic answering system which will indicate all times have been scheduled.

For more detailed information about 2009 H1N1 influenza, visit
www.linncounty.org
www.idph.state.ia.us/h1n1/default.asp.
www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu, or call 1-800-CDC-INFO

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