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Title: Call **892-6009** now to schedule your H1N1 vaccination, scheduled times still available

Cedar Rapids, IA ∆ Linn County Public Health (LCPH) has filled over 55% of the available time slots for the upcoming H1N1 scheduled clinics. There are an additional 1,000 time slots still available. Call now if you∅ like to schedule an appointment. LCPH will be holding additional public H1N1 vaccination clinics at Hawkeye Downs, 4400 6th St SW, on Tuesday December 1st and Thursday December 3rd.

%We encourage people that are in the high risk groups to call and schedule a time to receive the H1N1 vaccination+says Curtis Dickson, Director Linn County Public Health. %We have vaccine available and want to vaccinate as many people as possible before the holiday travel season.+

- The first clinic on Tuesday December 1st, will be by **appointment only** and will operate from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The second clinic on Thursday December 3rd will be by **appointment only** and will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Scheduled clinics will be by appointment **ONLY!** People that qualify for the H1N1 vaccine **MUST** call **892-6009** to schedule an appointment. Appointments are being taken from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays for the two clinics listed above.

- The third clinic on Thursday December 3rd will be a walk in (first-come-first-served) clinic. This clinic will start at 1:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. and will not require an appointment.

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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 five 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.

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.

Pandemics such as the one we are experiencing now with H1N1, have peaks and valleys. We experienced our first peak last spring when it surfaced in Iowa, and have just passed through our second peak. We likely will see several more peaks as we proceed through this influenza season.

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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