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H1N1 Flu Vaccine

The Brazos County Health Department continues to receive limited supplies of the H1N1 flu vaccine. The vaccine will be administered for free at the Brazos County Health Department on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 beginning at 2:00 pm to the first 100 people meeting the priority groups listed below. Regular childhood and adult immunizations will not be provided during this time.

Initial priority groups targeted for the H1N1 flu vaccine include:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- All people 6 months through 24 years of age
- Persons 25-64 years of age who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza

The health department will offer the H1N1 vaccine to the initial priority groups during regular immunization clinic hours beginning Wednesday, October 28, 2009 on a limited basis.

Adults and children 10 years of age and older will receive a single dose of H1N1 vaccine. Children 6 months to 9 years old will receive two doses of the H1N1 vaccine, with 30 days between each dose.

Healthcare providers in Brazos County have begun to receive the H1N1 vaccine, as well. The public is encouraged to contact their primary healthcare provider to determine availability.

DSHS expects to receive larger inventories of vaccine by mid-November for widespread distribution across the state. In the meantime the health department is urging providers and the public to be patient and to follow flu prevention practices.

For more information visit www.brazoshealth.org or www.texasflu.org.

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