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### School Located Clinics for the 2009 H1N1 Flu Vaccine Begin This Week

Genesee County Health Department announces the start of school-located 2009 H1N1 flu clinics this week. The clinics will give out 2009 H1N1 Nasal Spray vaccine only. School-located clinics are being planned for all of Genesee County's 21 school districts and will proceed as quickly as vaccine supply allows. The first two clinics are:

Location	Date and Time
E.A. Johnson High School 8041 Neff Road Mt. Morris, MI 48458	Tuesday, November 3, 2009 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Walk-In)
Swartz Creek High School 1 Dragon Drive Swartz Creek, MI 48473	Thursday, November 5, 2009 4:00 – 6:00 pm (Walk-In)

Because current vaccine supply is small, vaccine will be provided **ONLY** to the following priority groups most in need of the vaccine:

- Healthy children and young adults 2 through 24 years of age.
- Healthy people 25 through 49 years of age **ONLY** if they live with or care for infants less than 6 months of age.
- Health care or emergency **medical** personnel (under 50 years of age).

The school located clinics are open to priority groups in the community at large, not just to students of the district. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. The clinics are a cooperative effort of the Genesee Intermediate School District, the Visiting Nurse Association, and the Genesee County Health Department.

The 2009 H1N1 vaccine is free to all. Yet, clients with health insurance **must bring their insurance information** to receive flu vaccine at no cost. This includes Medicare Part B, Medicaid, and Health Plus.

The nasal spray vaccine cannot be given to the following people:

- Pregnant women;
- People under the age of 2 years old or people 50 years old or older;
- People at higher risk for complications from influenza, including those with chronic heart or lung disease, such as asthma or reactive airways disease; people with medical conditions such as diabetes or kidney failure; or people with illnesses that weaken the immune system, or who take medications that can weaken the immune system;
- Children younger than 5 years old with a history of recurrent wheezing;
- Children or adolescents receiving aspirin therapy;
- People who have had Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS), a rare disorder of the nervous system, within 6 weeks of getting a flu vaccine,
- People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs or who are allergic to any of the nasal spray vaccine components.

If you have concerns about the nasal spray form of the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine, ask your health care professional if it is right for you and your family. You may also go to [www.medimmune.com/h1n1.aspx](http://www.medimmune.com/h1n1.aspx) for more information.

The vaccine supply is expected to increase with time. As the supply increases:

- The GCHD will schedule and announce additional special clinics for the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine, whether they are at the GCHD, at a school, or at a community center.
- More people will be eligible to receive the vaccine.
- Vaccine will become available in other public venues such as pharmacies.
- 2009 H1N1 flu shots will become available as an alternative to the nasal spray form of the vaccine.

The GCHD recommends checking with your primary doctor to see if he or she will be providing the 2009 H1N1 vaccine. The GCHD will post all public locations where novel H1N1 vaccine is available on its website and hotline. To view the website, visit [www.gchd.us](http://www.gchd.us) and click on "H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Information and Updates." To reach the hotline, call (810) 257-3887.

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