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H1N1 FLU VACCINE STILL AVAILABLE

Residents not yet vaccinated are encouraged to protect themselves

MILWAUKEE (March 30, 2010) – As reports of increased cases of H1N1 infection surface in Georgia and other states in the southeast part of the United States, Milwaukee residents are reminded that vaccine is still available to those who've not already received it.

“While we have not yet seen increased H1N1 activity here in Milwaukee, we are not out of the woods,” said Bevan K. Baker, City of Milwaukee Health Commissioner. “I strongly encourage anyone who has not yet received the H1N1 vaccine to do so at any one of our neighborhood health clinics. We ask you to help protect your children, your neighbors, and your loved ones by making sure that you and they are vaccinated.”

Although the H1N1 influenza pandemic has turned out to be milder than previously anticipated, persons highest at risk for severe complications of infection are infants, young children, pregnant women and all persons with underlying health conditions. “The incidence of pediatric deaths associated with H1N1 infection is three to four times higher than what we normally experience during seasonal influenza epidemics” said Paul A. Biedrzycki, Director of Disease Control and Environmental Health.

Milwaukee residents can receive the H1N1 vaccine without appointment at any of the neighborhood health centers during the hours listed below.

Keenan Health Center
3200 N. 36th Street
Fridays: 8-11am

Northwest Health Center
7630 W. Mill Road
Wednesdays: 3-6pm, Thursdays: 8-11am

Southside Health Center
1639 S. 23rd Street
Mondays 3-6pm, Tuesdays 1-4

If these times and locations aren't convenient, residents are encouraged to call the Health Department at 414-286-3521 to set up a time for vaccination.