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## **McLean County Health Department Announces H1N1 Vaccination Clinic for Nov. 19**

Bloomington—McLean County Health Department will hold an H1N1 Vaccination Clinic on Thursday, November 19 at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum at 101 South Madison Street in Bloomington from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The clinic will be open to McLean County residents within the identified priority groups eligible to receive the H1N1 vaccination. There is no cost to receive the H1N1 vaccine; both the intranasal and the injectable vaccine will be available. Clinic attendees should enter the Coliseum on the north side of the building on Front Street. Additional parking will be available for those with special mobility needs. Individuals who need to utilize handicapped parking should check with a parking attendant for more information and should utilize the ADA entrance. Adequate vaccine is available for this clinic.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends a second dose of the H1N1 vaccine for children ages 6 months to 9 years of age 28 days after the initial dose. Children who received their first dose of H1N1 vaccine at the Sale Barn clinic on October 20 will be able to receive their second dose at the November 19 clinic. Parents must bring the vaccine administration card obtained at the Sale Barn clinic as documentation of the first dose. All children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. While total wait times are lessening at H1N1 clinics, parents are reminded to bring snacks, water and activities for their children as well as be sure to dress for vaccine administration.

The five priority groups as identified by the Centers for Disease Control are:

- pregnant women,
- individuals who live with or provide care for infants younger than 6 months
- health care and emergency medical services personnel,
- individuals 6 months through 24 years of age
- individuals 25 years to 64 years of age with certain chronic medical conditions or weakened immune systems.

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Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University students will not be eligible for H1N1 vaccination at McLean County Health Department clinics; both universities have H1N1 vaccine available for their students. Please check with university health services for information on vaccine availability. Faculty and staff of both universities are able to receive the H1N1 vaccine at health department clinics if eligible based upon the priority groups.

Information on future public clinics will be announced as vaccine continues to arrive. McLean County residents are urged to visit the McLean County Health Department website at [www.mcleancountyil.gov/health](http://www.mcleancountyil.gov/health) or call 211 for current clinic information.

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