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## **McLean County Health Department Announces Additional H1N1 Vaccination Clinics**

Bloomington—McLean County Health Department has scheduled two additional clinics for McLean County residents within the identified priority groups to receive H1N1 vaccination on November 10 and 12, with both the intranasal and the injectable vaccine available. The clinics will be held at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum at 101 South Madison Street in Bloomington from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Special parking will be available for those with mobility issues. Please check with a parking attendant for further instruction. People attending the clinics should enter the Coliseum on the north side of the building on Front Street. These clinics are being held in addition to the clinic for healthcare providers on Saturday, November 7, at Calvary United Methodist Church at 1700 North Towanda Avenue in Normal from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Because of a recent delivery, both intranasal and the injectable H1N1 vaccine will be available at Saturday's clinic.

### **Tuesday, November 10**

On Tuesday, November 10, vaccinations will be available to McLean County residents ages 18 and older who meet the priority group criteria. No persons under the age of 18 will be vaccinated at this clinic. If an individual is a parent or legal guardian of children and eligible for vaccination, they may come to Thursday's clinic to be vaccinated with their children and do not need to attend two separate clinics.

### **Thursday, November 12**

On Thursday, November 12, vaccinations will be available to McLean County residents ages 6 months to 17 years. Children between the ages of 6 months and 9 years of age who have already received one dose of H1N1 vaccine will not be eligible for vaccination on Thursday. All individuals 17 years old and younger must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. If the parent or legal guardian accompanying the child is eligible for vaccination based on the priority groups, they will be able to be vaccinated at this clinic. No vaccinations will be given to those outside of the established priority groups.

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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.

### **ISU & IWU Students**

Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University students will not be eligible for H1N1 vaccination at McLean County Health Department clinics, even if the individual is a McLean County resident. Both universities have planned H1N1 vaccination clinics for their students. Please check with university health services for information on vaccine availability.

Information on future public clinics will be announced as more vaccine arrives. 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. The health department recommends following the Centers for Disease Control guidelines to help prevent influenza:

- Get vaccinated for both seasonal and H1N1 influenza when it becomes available
- Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough. Use a tissue or upper arm, not your hand.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and warm water. Use alcohol based hand sanitizers if soap and water are unavailable.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth because germs spread in this manner.
- Routinely clean frequently touched common surfaces such as your phone, computer keyboard and door knobs.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- If you are sick, stay at home until fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of a fever- reducing medication.

Remember you can be proactive against the flu! Just follow the 3 C's:

Clean: Wash your hands

Cover: Cover your cough or sneeze

Contain: Keep sickness at home

For more resources, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov).

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