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Starting next week, H1N1 vaccine available during business hours at KCHD

Vaccination will continue to be by appointment only

(Grand Rapids, MI) – Starting next Wednesday, December 16, The Kent County Health Department (KCHD) will offer H1N1 influenza vaccinations on regular business days at three of its clinics. Vaccination will continue to be by appointment only. Appointments will run from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can be made online at stickittotheflu.com or by calling 2-1-1 or (616) 459-2255.

“Through our initial push over the last month, we served thousands of Kent County residents through large-scale clinics,” said Cathy Raevsky, Administrative Health Officer for the Kent County Health Department. “As more people get vaccinated and demand on KCHD decreases, we are confident that we will meet the vaccination needs of Kent County residents in our daily operations.”

Vaccinations will be offered at three locations for the convenience of residents across Kent County. The locations are:

Fuller Clinic – 700 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

North County Clinic – 4388 14 Mile Road, Rockford, MI 49341

Wyoming Clinic – 852 47th Street SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

“There are several good reasons to get vaccinated right now,” said Raevsky. “We have no idea how the H1N1 virus will behave in the coming weeks and months, and we could very well see another wave of illness. The number one way to avoid getting the flu is to get vaccinated. It’s a quick and easy way to avoid the misery, missed school, and lost work time that come with flu.”

Raevsky added that people **should not procrastinate** because the coming holiday season means more people congregating and more opportunities to catch cold and flu viruses. Vaccination will be offered on business days at KCHD through Thursday, December 31. There is no cost to be vaccinated at the Kent County Health Department. However, people with insurance are asked to bring their insurance card.

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to the whole of Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and the Westside of Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD and our services, visit www.accesskent.com/health. Follow us at twitter.com/kchd and search for us on facebook.

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