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H1N1 Vaccination Efforts Continue in Wicomico County H1N1 Vaccine Available to All Community Update #6

(Salisbury, MD) The Wicomico County Health Department (WiCHD) continues to conduct ongoing H1N1 flu vaccination clinics for priority populations throughout the county. To date, the health department has administered a total of **7, 294** doses of the H1N1 vaccine including **3, 687** intranasal and **3, 607** injectable doses.

As of today, the health department will expand H1N1 vaccination efforts to begin providing vaccine to the general population, adding healthy adults and seniors to the five target groups for whom the vaccine is currently recommended. The health department continues to work collaboratively with the Board of Education to outreach into primary/intermediate schools providing second dose vaccinations to children under 10 years of age. In addition, the health department will be holding a walk-in clinic on Saturday December 19th to reach the local Hispanic population. Interpreters will be on hand for individuals with limited or no English speaking proficiency. This clinic is scheduled to take place at St. Francis de Sales from 8am until 11:00am. No appointment is required.

While H1N1 flu indicators and symptoms statewide appear to be on a downward trend, health department officials are encouraging individuals to continue taking precautions. Practice good hygiene by staying home when sick, coughing into your

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sleeve and washing hands frequently. As always, the best protection against the H1N1 virus is vaccination. Many local physicians have H1N1 vaccine supplies readily available so individuals should check with their primary care doctor before scheduling with the health department.

Additional H1N1 flu clinic dates, times, and locations are posted regularly on the health department website at www.wicomicohealth.org, Please call 410-543-6943 to schedule an appointment for an upcoming H1N1 flu clinic.

For more H1N1 flu information, call 211 the local H1N1 Resource Hotline.

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