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Greene County Combined Health District Opens H1N1 Flu Clinics for General Public (6 months of age and older)

REMINDER: Children under 10 years of age need two (2) doses

(XENIA, OH) The Greene County Combined Health District (GCCHD) has announced that it will hold two (2) H1N1 flu clinics for in Xenia on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Both injections and the nasal mist will be available. There is no charge for the H1N1 vaccine. **These clinics are open to the general public (6 months of age and older).**

The clinic schedules are as follows:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009: 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds; 120 Fairground Rd., Xenia; in the Assembly Hall.**
- **Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009: 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds; 120 Fairground Rd., Xenia; in the Assembly Hall.**

The GCCHD reminds parents and health care providers that **children younger than 10 years of age should receive two doses of H1N1 flu vaccine** in order to achieve optimal protection against pandemic flu. The two doses of H1N1 vaccine need to be at least 28 days apart to be effective.

“Children are at particularly high risk for H1N1 infection,” Health Commissioner Mark A. McDonnell said. “Please be sure to fully protect your youngster by ensuring they receive two doses of H1N1 vaccine. **If a child under the age of 10 was vaccinated for H1N1 at one of the GCCHD H1N1 clinics on October 29th, November 5th, 12th, or 17th, then we encourage bringing that child to one of these scheduled clinics to receive that important second dose.**”

Important: For faster service at the clinic, please visit our website, www.gcchd.org (click on H1N1 information and you will see a link for the H1N1 consent form to the right). Download, print and complete a form for each person who will be receiving the H1N1 vaccination. Bring your completed form with you to the clinic.

The GCCHD wishes to thank the Greene County Agricultural Society for partnering with GCCHD for this important public health event.

For more information, please call the **Flu Hotline at (937) 374-5657** or visit our website at www.gcchd.org.

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