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Greene County Combined Health District Reminds Residents that H1N1 Vaccination Remains Important

(XENIA, OH) The Greene County Combined Health District (GCCHD) is reminding residents that getting the H1N1 vaccination remains important as we move into the winter months. Holiday time is travel time for many, and with travel comes increased chances for exposure to germs and viruses. People are asked to keep in mind who they will be visiting and/or if they are in the CDC priority groups. People in the priority groups are still urged to get vaccinated. As a reminder, the **CDC priority groups** are:

- everyone age 6 months to 24 years old (children under 10 years of age will need a 2nd dose of vaccine in 4 weeks or longer);
- pregnant women;
- people age 25-64 years with chronic health conditions:
chronic health conditions are medical conditions (diseases or disorders) that cause a higher risk of influenza-related complications: chronic pulmonary/lung, cardiovascular (except high blood pressure), renal (kidney disease), hepatic (liver disease), neurologic/neuromuscular (multiple sclerosis, paralysis), hematologic (blood disorders), metabolic (including diabetes mellitus), immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications, cancers or HIV);
- people who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age;
- healthcare and emergency medical services personnel.

GCCHD will hold two (2) H1N1 flu clinics 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 also 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.

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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