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H1N1 Clinic in Keokuk on November 24, 2009

Lee County Health Department will have a H1N1 clinic on **Tuesday, November 24th, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at Faith Family Church, 2323 Main St., Keokuk.** H1N1 shots/nasal mist will be given to the following high risk groups:

- **Pregnant Women**
- **Persons living with or providing care for infants less than six months of age**
- **Children ages 6 months of age through age 24**
- **Health care workers and emergency services personnel**
- **Persons age 25-64 years who have a medical condition that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, etc.) or are immuno-suppressed.**

Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to bring their children ages 6 months to 36 months to the clinic since there is an adequate supply for this vaccine for this age group. **The H1N1 shots/mist are free.** The vaccines will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Children who are 6 months of age through 9 years of age and have received their first dose of H1N1 prior to October 27th will be able to receive the second dose of H1N1 vaccine at the Nov. 24rd clinic.

Lee County Health Department has completed school-based clinics in all the schools in Lee County, pre-Kindergarten – 12th grade. Students who received the first dose at the school clinics and are 9 years of age and under will be given the second dose of the H1N1 vaccine when Lee County Health Department returns to the Lee County elementary schools in December.

“It is important for people to receive the H1N1 vaccine when it is available,” said Julie Schilling, Administrator, Lee County Health Department. The vaccine is as safe as the seasonal flu vaccine. It is made by the same process, by the same companies, and tested in the same manner as the seasonal vaccine. “The H1N1 virus has the potential to cause serious illness and death. Receiving the vaccination is an effective way to help fight the spread of the virus,” said Schilling.

All individuals/parents/guardians will need to sign a consent form verifying which priority group qualifies them for a vaccine. Individuals not in one the priority groups will not be offered vaccine at the clinic. Individuals who are ill with flu-like symptoms are asked not to come to the clinics as vaccine cannot be administered to ill individuals nor do we want to risk spreading your illness to others.

More clinics will be scheduled when more vaccine is received. A statewide toll-free hotline has been established for public questions about seasonal and H1N1 influenza at 1-800-447-1985. More information can also be found at www.idph.state.ia.us.