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Johnson County Health Department Partners with Blue Valley Schools to Hold H1N1 Inoculation Clinics

The Johnson County Health Department (JCHD) has asked the Blue Valley School District for assistance by hosting a series of free H1N1 inoculation clinics for children in the Blue Valley area.

The first inoculation clinic will be held at the Blue Valley District Office located at 15020 Metcalf Ave. on the following date for specifically targeted groups:

Thursday, November 5

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Ages 6 months – 4 yrs
(while supplies last)

3:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Ages: 6 months – 4 yrs and
Ages 5-18 with high risk medical condition
(while supplies last)

The first series of clinics will be ONLY for children who fall within the two targeted populations, Blue Valley area children ages 6 months – 4 years and Blue Valley area children ages 5-18 who have health conditions associated with a higher risk of medical complications from the flu.

Due to the limited supply of vaccine that JCHD is able to supply each week, JCHD is requesting that the district focus on these two priority groups first. As more vaccine becomes available each week, additional clinics will be offered and additional groups will have opportunities to be vaccinated. Please continue to check the district's Web site at www.bluevalleyk12.org under hot topics for clinic information and updates.

The district is expecting to receive for the Nov. 5 clinic about 1,000 vaccines for the first session and 1,700 for the second. The clinic will feature both injectable vaccine and the Flu Mist. Those who have chronic medical conditions will be given the injectable version. Vaccines will be provided at the clinic on a first-come, first-serve basis to Blue Valley area residents who meet the two targeted populations. Residents attending the clinic should expect long lines and understand that there is a limited supply that will not meet the demand for everyone attending. In addition, parking will be limited so carpooling is recommended.

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Any child under than age of 15 should be accompanied by an adult. In addition, parents or guardians will be required to sign a vaccination consent form prior to any child under the age of 18 receiving the vaccine. The H1N1 consent form and an H1N1 vaccine information form are available to download at www.bluevalleyk12.org under Hot Topics. Forms will also be available at the clinic, but downloading and completing the consent form in advance is strongly recommended. Completed consent forms should be brought to the clinic and NOT be turned in at your child's school.

Due to the unknown supply of vaccine that the district will receive each week, JCHD and the Blue Valley School District strongly encourages frequent visits to the district's Web site for important updates. These updates will be available at www.bluevalleyk12.org under Hot Topics. Visitors to the district's H1N1 vaccination Web site can sign up for email updates when new information is posted to the page. For health questions related to the H1N1 vaccination, please contact the Johnson County Health Department flu information line at (913) 826-1263 or Blue Valley at (913) 239-4009. For general questions about Blue Valley's Nov. 5 clinic, call (913) 239-4043.