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Macomb County declares heightened state of alert; Two new injectable vaccine clinics added

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County Board Chair Paul Gieleghem, in accordance with County Resolution No. 82 of 2009, and Section 10 of Act 290, P.A. 1976 as amended, has declared a “County Heightened State of Alert.”

This action was taken due to the threat of a flu pandemic, stemming from the expected and reported cases of Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 in Michigan and throughout the nation and world. The county is implementing activities to safeguard the interests of the county, instituting a mass vaccination program and preparing for a potential emergency.

“We want to remove bureaucratic hurdles so that local resources can be utilized to the fullest extent, “ said Gieleghem. “Our priority is to provide as much information as possible and to help ensure that high risk groups are properly informed of all opportunities to seek vaccination.”

Macomb County Health Department will be providing H1N1 vaccine to high-priority persons at the following days and times:

FluMist, the intranasal spray form of the vaccine, will be provided at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights on Wednesday, October 28, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Thursday, October 29, from noon until 7 p.m. Three thousand doses will be available each day **free of charge**. Pregnant women cannot get the nasal vaccine.

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The injectable form of the vaccine will be provided at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights on Friday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Three thousand doses will be available each day.

Vaccine will be available through private physicians, hospitals, and pharmacies as more becomes available.

For more information regarding high-priority groups, who can receive each version of the vaccine, upcoming clinics, and the Macomb County Vaccination Plan, please go to www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth or call the Health Department hot line at 586.466-7923.

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