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CITY OF MILWAUKEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOLD FIRST INFLUENZA A (H1N1) VACCINATION CLINIC FOR GENERAL PUBLIC *H1N1 vaccination clinics for public to continue over next several weeks*

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will administer H1N1 vaccine to City of Milwaukee residents on Friday, October 23, 2009 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at Sara Scott Middle School, located at 1017 N. 12th Street. If vaccine supplies remain, clinics will also be held on Saturday, October 24 at both South Division High School, located at 1515 W. Lapham, and Sara Scott Middle School from 10-3PM.

Public groups being initially targeted for H1N1 vaccination due to risk for severe disease or complications of H1N1 flu illness include:

- Anyone aged 6 months to 24 years
- Pregnant women
- People aged 25-64 who have chronic medical problems like asthma, diabetes, heart disease, or immune system problems
- People who live with or care for infants under 6 months of age
- Healthcare workers and Emergency Medical Services personnel

Public health officials emphasize that the H1N1 vaccine is made the same way as regular seasonal flu vaccine, and, like seasonal flu vaccine, is very safe and effective. They encourage everyone in the recommended groups to get vaccinated now to prevent illness and the spread of disease to others in the community.

Free H1N1 flu vaccine will be provided free of charge and on voluntary first-come first-served basis to all citizens wishing to receive them. Clinics in the City are being promoted for underinsured and uninsured individuals and families who would not be able to readily receive vaccination from a medical provider. If vaccine supplies are available, the MHD will continue to hold public vaccination clinics over the next several weeks to ensure that public demand is met.

Many private healthcare providers will be receiving the H1N1 vaccine in the coming weeks. Persons with healthcare insurance may wish to receive their vaccination in this setting. Please contact your medical provider for further information.

WHEN:	Friday, October 23, 2009
WHERE:	Sara Scott Middle School (1017 N. 12th St.) Milwaukee, WI
TIME:	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
PRESS CONFERENCE:	Noon
SPEAKERS:	Mayor Tom Barrett Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker

Note: Seasonal flu vaccine and childhood immunizations will not be administered at any of the H1N1 vaccination clinics. For more information contact 211 or visit the MHD website at www.milwaukee.gov/flu.