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IMPORTANT MEDIA UPDATE!

CITY OF MILWAUKEE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FIRST PUBLIC H1N1 VACCINATION CLINICS TO EMPHASIZE NASAL VACCINE *Allotment of Injectable Vaccine from CDC to Local Public Health Agencies Delayed*

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will administer primarily intranasal H1N1 vaccine to City of Milwaukee residents on Friday, October 23, 2009 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at Sarah Scott Complex, located at 1017 N. 12th Street. Clinics will also be held on Saturday, October 24 at both South Division High School, located at 1515 W. Lapham, and Sarah Scott Complex from 10-3PM if vaccine is available.

The MHD learned late Wednesday that the anticipated allotment of injectable H1N1 vaccine will not be available through the federal government until possibly early November due to production and distribution delays. The MHD has only a very limited supply of injectable vaccine on hand which will be distributed accordingly.

Nasal influenza H1N1 vaccine is recommended for healthy individuals aged 2 years to 49 years. MHD especially recommends the nasal vaccine for healthy people aged 2 years to 24 years, as it is expected to be very effective in reducing influenza transmission in K-12 school and college settings. MHD also strongly recommends the vaccine for healthy people aged 2-49 years who are either health care workers or who live with or care for infants under 6 months of age. Pregnant women and people with chronic medical problems such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease or immune system problems are not eligible for the nasal H1N1 vaccine.

H1N1 flu vaccines will be provided free of charge and on voluntary first-come first-served basis. Clinics in the City are being especially promoted for underinsured and uninsured individuals and families who would not be able to readily receive vaccination from a medical provider.

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

WHEN:	Friday, October 23, 2009
WHERE:	Sarah Scott Complex (1017 N. 12th St.) Milwaukee, WI 53233
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.