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## Polk County Announces the First 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Clinics

Polk County: The Polk County Health Department has received its first shipment of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine and will begin to vaccinate those in the phase 1 target group this week. Phase 1 targets include health care workers, EMS, Certified First Responders, and pregnant women. Other target groups and eventually all Polk County residents will have opportunities to receive the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine at clinics to be held by the Health Department and private providers in the upcoming weeks.

The Polk County Health Department will be conducting H1N1 vaccination clinics at all county public school districts during the month of November. Vaccines will be provided to children in grades Kindergarten through 12 at these clinics. All children will need to have signed parental consent forms at the time of vaccination. Parents will receive an informational letter and consent forms prior to the clinics.

Due to the age of preschool and early childhood children, the Health Department will **NOT** vaccinate them unless parents/guardians are present. Therefore it is sponsoring H1N1 vaccination clinics for preschoolers only at the Health Department in Balsam Lake on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 4	2 pm to 6 pm by appointment only*
Monday, November 23	3 pm to 7 pm*
Wednesday, November 25	8:30 am to 12:30 pm*
Friday, November 27	8:30 am to 4:30 pm*

\*All clinics are subject to vaccine availability

All vaccine will be provided free of charge. An administration fee may be billed to the client's health insurance if there is coverage of such. Private medical providers also have the H1N1 vaccine and are taking appointments for vaccination.

The H1N1 flu vaccine is safe. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the H1N1 vaccine is produced in the same facilities by the same companies/manufacturers using the same process as is used for the seasonal flu vaccine. The side effects of the vaccine are mild and similar to those for seasonal flu vaccine. Please see the Polk County Flu website ([www.polkcountyflu.com](http://www.polkcountyflu.com)) for the latest information, as well as scheduled clinic dates and times.