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H1N1 Vaccinations Being Offered at Hamilton Place This Weekend

Chattanooga, TN- As a result of prior successful clinics, the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department will again be offering walk-in service for the free H1N1 vaccine at Hamilton Place Mall this weekend. The vaccination clinic is located on the lower level next to Dillard's and across from the children's play area.

HAMILTON PLACE FLU CLINIC HOURS:
Friday, December 18th- 1:00pm to 8:30pm
Saturday, December 19th- 9:30am to 8:30pm
Sunday, December 20th- 12:30pm to 7:30pm

"We understand that people are busy trying to get their last-minute holiday shopping done and find it difficult to come to our appointment-based clinics," says Becky Barnes, Administrator at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department. "We see that by partnering with Hamilton Place, and giving over 2,600 doses of H1N1 vaccine over the past two weekends, we are making the vaccine easily available to those who are interested."

H1N1 vaccine is now available to anyone who wants one and is being given not only by the Health Department but by other providers, including physician offices and retail pharmacies. Residents are encouraged to either stop by the Hamilton Place walk in clinic this weekend, call the Health Department Hotline to schedule an appointment at another site or check with their medical providers or area retailers to determine if they have the H1N1 vaccine.

Parents of children less than age 10 who received their first dose of H1N1 vaccine at least 28 days ago are reminded to make an appointment for their child to receive their second dose. Only children less than age ten will need a second dose.

In addition to H1N1 influenza, seasonal influenza is beginning to circulate in our area and will continue to do so through the spring. A limited supply of seasonal influenza vaccine is also available through the Health Department by appointment. Seasonal influenza disease typically peaks in late winter, so now is a good time to be vaccinated. The Health Department charge for seasonal influenza vaccine is \$25.00. Medicare is also accepted.

Appointments for both the H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines administered by the Health Department can be made by calling the Health Department hotline at 209-8393. Hotline operating hours are from 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. For updates, residents should visit the Health Department's website, <http://health.hamiltontn.org>.

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