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H1N1 Injectable Vaccine Has Arrived: Focus is on Young Children

Chattanooga, TN- The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department has received 1,300 doses of injectable 2009 H1N1 vaccine manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur. The Sanofi Pasteur 2009 H1N1 injectable vaccine is licensed to be used in persons 6 months of age and older. However, it is the only injectable vaccine licensed for persons 6 months up to 4 years of age, and vaccine quantity is still limited. Following the Tennessee Department of Health recommendations, the Health Department will be focusing efforts to distribute this initial injectable vaccine to children 6 months up to 4 years of age. This vaccine can also be given to children in this age group who have chronic illness or underlying health conditions.

On Saturday, October 17th, the Health Department hotline will be open from 8:30am to 12:30pm (or until all available appointments have been made) to make appointments for this vaccine; appointments can be made by calling 209-8393. After Saturday, hotline operations will resume normal hours, Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm. On Sunday, October 18th, the Eastgate Town Center vaccination clinic location will begin giving the 2009 H1N1 injectable vaccine to those who have made appointments.

Additionally, the Health Department continues to receive shipments of and make appointments for the administration of 2009 H1N1 FluMist. The 2009 H1N1 FluMist is appropriate for healthy, non-pregnant individuals between the ages of 2 years and 49 years. The CDC-identified priority groups the Health Department has been and will continue making 2009 H1N1 FluMist appointments for are individuals who:

- Are from 2 years through 24 years of age
- Are from 25 years through 49 years of age and
 - Live with or care for infants younger than 6 months
 - Are healthcare or emergency medical personnel

"We expect to continue to receive shipments of 2009 H1N1 FluMist and injectable vaccine," said Becky Barnes, Health Department Administrator. "The expectation is that we will receive enough H1N1 vaccine in the coming weeks so anyone who wants to receive it can do so," Barnes continued.

The H1N1 flu vaccine will be provided at no charge. The Health Department will continue to announce future H1N1 vaccination clinics and vaccine shipments through the media, our website, health.hamiltontn.org, and our Twitter account- @HamiltonHealth.

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