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H1N1 Injectable Vaccine Available in Limited Quantity

Chattanooga, TN- The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department has received 600 additional doses of injectable 2009 H1N1 vaccine. H1N1 injectable vaccine availability continues to be limited. Because of this limited availability, the Health Department will offer the injectable vaccine to only the following groups at this time:

- Pregnant women
- Children age 5 years through 18 years who have chronic medical conditions
- Children age 6 months through 23 months

In addition, persons in the following categories who have a medical contraindication to FluMist are also eligible to receive the injectable formulation of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine at this time:

- Persons who live with or care for infants less than 6 months old
- Healthcare and emergency medical personnel
- Children age 2 years through 4 years

The Health Department continues to receive shipments of and make appointments for the administration of 2009 H1N1 FluMist. Because the FluMist formulation of the vaccine is plentiful, the Health Department is now offering this vaccine to anyone in the community who is medically eligible to receive this formulation. The 2009 H1N1 FluMist is appropriate for healthy, non-pregnant individuals between the ages of 2 years and 49 years.

Persons should call the Health Department hotline at 209-8393 to make an appointment. Hotline operating hours are from 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

“Vaccine continues to arrive weekly as we anticipated, but even so, injectable vaccine supply continues to be very limited,” said Becky Barnes, Health Department Administrator. “Once an ample supply of the injectable vaccine has been established, target groups will be expanded to include a larger portion of our population,” Barnes continued.

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

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