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Health Department Making Appointments for H1N1 Vaccine

Chattanooga, TN- The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department has received 1,000 doses of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine in the FluMist (nasal spray) formulation. 2009 H1N1 FluMist is appropriate for healthy, non-pregnant individuals between the ages of 2 and 49. The Health Department will begin making appointments for the H1N1 FluMist vaccine on Thursday, October 8th for individuals in the CDC-identified priority groups eligible for 2009 H1N1 FluMist. The H1N1 flu vaccine will be provided at no charge.

The CDC-identified priority groups the Health Department will be making appointments for are individuals who:

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

“No shortage of 2009 H1N1 vaccine is expected,” says Becky Barnes, Health Department Administrator. “However initially, only limited quantities and types of vaccine will be available. The Health Department expects to receive enough H1N1 vaccine in coming weeks so anyone who wants to receive it can do so,” Barnes continues.

Vaccine will be given by appointment only. Appointments can be made for those in the high risk groups by calling 209-8393. The phone lines will be open today from 4:00 pm – 8 pm or until all appointments are booked. The hotline will also be open Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Appointments will be made for Saturday and Sunday for our Eastgate Towne Center location. Walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

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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