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H1N1 Influenza (Flu) Update

Local News:

The Health Department's H1N1 Vaccine Clinic, located at the Wichita Mall (4095 E. Harry Street), continues to serve individuals in Sedgwick County by offering FREE H1N1 vaccines. Sedgwick County has received just over 156,000 doses of vaccine, to date.

For the past few weeks, the Health Department has been offering vaccine to anyone who wishes to receive it. Individuals who are pregnant, under the age of 24, or who have chronic health conditions continue to be strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. The clinic is open each week Monday through Thursday from 2-7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

To date, the Health Department has held vaccine clinics at 98 Sedgwick County schools. The schedule of clinics was developed from a lottery drawing of participating schools. Upcoming School-located Vaccine Clinics (SLVCs) can be found on the calendar located at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

Private providers who have registered to receive vaccine either as direct ship-to-sites or to pick up vaccine from the Health Department have been receiving vaccine and are currently offering it to patients and non-patients.

The Health Department continues to hold mobile clinics in areas around Wichita. These clinics offer a convenient location for those who may not be able to come to the East Harry clinic. Last week, the Health Department began returning to previous mobile clinic sites for a second time. A schedule of upcoming mobile clinics are also located on the county Web site.

Below is a breakdown of the mobile clinics and the number of vaccinations given:

Park City:	66	Valley Center:	53
Mulvane:	160	Bentley:	28
Clearwater:	47	Haysville:	97
Derby:	58	Andale:	25
Colwich:	7	Kechi:	2
Cheney:	45	Valley Center (2):	50
Park City (2):	56	Maize:	53
Mulvane(2):	33	Bentley (2):	18

In addition to SLVCs and mobile clinics in surrounding cities and towns, the Health Department began last week holding mobile clinics in Wichita. The first of these clinics were held at Towne East and Towne West Squares on Saturday, December 12. These two clinics administered 435 total vaccines to mall shoppers on Saturday. The mall clinics will be open again on Saturday, December 19. Other Wichita mobile clinics include a clinic at St. Mark's Church of God in Christ on December 21 and a clinic at the Health Department's 9th Street location on December 22.

Surveillance Update - H1N1 related illness in Sedgwick County continues to decline for the seventh week in a row. There were no laboratory-confirmed H1N1 cases reported by KDHE for the week ending December 12. No H1N1 related deaths have been reported for Sedgwick County for the week ending Dec. 12. School absenteeism greater than 10 percent was reported in only one of the 24 Sedgwick County schools reporting absentee data for the week ending December 12. Absentee rates ranged from zero percent to 10.5 percent, and 38.6 percent of all absences reported were due to influenza-like illness (ILI) or other related illnesses. Of interest, 33 percent of these schools reported seeing an increase in absenteeism, which is the first time in six weeks that schools have reported seeing an increase in absenteeism to this degree. This, however, may be a function of the few number of schools reporting.



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State News:

Like Sedgwick County, more counties in Kansas are opening their clinics to the general public. This has greatly eased the process of administering vaccine.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has created a Web site where public clinic providers can register their H1N1 vaccination clinics. Clinics can be located at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/appnet/h1n1vaccine/>.

Surveillance Update - For the week ending December 5, KDHE has reported a sixth week of decreased ILI activity across the state. The percentage of ILI visits at outpatient clinics peaked at 10.8 percent the week ending October 24, and it has now dropped to a rate of 1.8 percent. New laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1 across the state have also dropped. Of the 115 specimens submitted for testing by the Kansas Health and Environment Laboratory, only 7 (6.1 percent) tested positive for H1N1. No H1N1 related deaths were reported within the state for the week ending December 5.

ILI related school absenteeism greater than 10 percent continued to drop for elementary schools (4.0 percent). However, for middle and high schools, after five consecutive weeks of decreased absenteeism, the statewide percentages for middle and high schools increased from 4.1 percent to 6.6 percent and 4.7 percent to 9.0 percent, respectively. It was reported that the north central region of the state had the highest percentage of absenteeism in schools.

RESOURCES:

Visit the Sedgwick County Web site at www.sedgwickcounty.org for a copy of various fact sheets as well as Hand Washing Flyers.

For more information, the H1N1 call center at (316) 660-5558 or e-mail flu@sedgwick.gov

National News:

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has received reports of fraudulent e-mails stating that the reader needs to create a personal profile as part of a State Vaccination Program. This e-mail is a **SCAM**. The CDC has no such program and recipients should delete this e-mail.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, with support from the CDC, have developed an internet survey system that will monitor the safety of both seasonal and H1N1 vaccines. Anyone who has received either the seasonal or the H1N1 flu vaccine (or both) is asked to visit www.myflushot.org to complete the short survey. Participants will receive two follow-up surveys one and six weeks later, via e-mail. The CDC will use the information collected to gather surveillance data and monitor vaccine safety for the 2009-2010 flu season.

There is a new Google application that assists users in locating flu vaccine clinics. This application is a product of a partnership between Google and the American Lung Association. To locate a clinic near you, visit www.google.com/flushot.

Tips to Protect Yourself and Others from the H1N1 Flu:

- Cover your cough and sneeze.
- Wash your hands.
- Keep living and work areas clean.
- If you are sick, stay home. Do not get in close contact with those who are ill.

Symptoms to Watch For:

- Fever greater than 100 degrees
- Body aches
- Coughing
- Sore throat
- Respiratory congestion