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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Additional Community Novel H1N1 vaccination clinics are available for all individuals to protect them in the New Year. In the past, pandemic influenza had third waves of infections; the timing could be the post-holiday season when people are returning to their normal activities such as work or school. The Allegan County Health Department continues to work with Allegan Healthcare Group, Inc. to offer the 2009-nH1N1 influenza vaccine to the general population in community settings. These scheduled community off-site clinics will be in the cities of Allegan, Wayland, Fennville and Otsego to allow for access from different parts of the county. To schedule an appointment for one of these clinics, call Allegan Healthcare Group at 269-686-4350 from 9:00 am- 6:00 pm, M-F.

Community Novel H1N1 FREE Clinics Schedule

Location	Building	Address	Date	Time	By appointment
Allegan	Allegan High School, Event Center	1560 Lincoln Allegan, MI 49010	12/16/09	3:00- 8:00 pm	Open to all individuals
Wayland	Wayland Middle School	701 Wildcat Dr. Wayland, MI 49348	12/17/09	3:00- 8:00 pm	Open to all individuals
Fennville	Fennville High School	4 South Memorial Fennville, MI 49408	12/29/09	11:00 am-6:00 pm	Open to all individuals
Otsego	Otsego High School	550 Washington Otsego, MI 49078-	12/30/09	11:00 am- 6:00 pm	Open to all individuals

These clinics are open to general population and are by appointment only. Individuals need to take advantage of these FREE clinics to protect them in the New Year.

As families gathers over the holidays, there are steps people can do to reduce the spread of the influenza. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reminds people that extra precautions can help; people are urged to take these four steps to keep healthy this holiday season.

- Travel or visit others well: These means travel or visit others only when you are feeling well.
- Wash your hands frequently. You can use soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizer or wipes.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with tissues or in your elbow. Use hand sanitizers afterward.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Get both seasonal and 2009 H1N1 vaccinations. Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this infection.

Bring a list of any known allergies, and any known existing medical conditions for each person. A parent or guardian must be with your child in order to receive the vaccination. There will be NO COST to you for this vaccine.

For additional information go to <http://www.allegancounty.org> and click under the H1N1 icon.

Directions:

When you arrive at the location for your appointment, follow the directions to park your vehicle.

If you need public transportation, please contact Allegan County Transportation at (269) 673-4229 or 1-877-788-2287 as soon as your appointment is scheduled.

Go to the Registration Section. Once you have finished the screening process, you will go to the community clinic area for vaccination.

There will be attendants and signs at each clinic site to assist you as you go through the process.

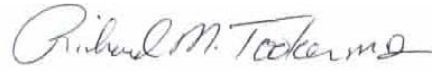
Your child's health care provider can answer your questions about the 2009-nH1N1 influenza virus, will be able to give your child the seasonal influenza vaccine, and may be able to give your child the 2009-nH1N1 vaccine. Please contact him or her for specific advice for your child.

For additional information, please visit www.allegancounty.org (click on H1N1 icon) and www.pandemicflu.gov

Sincerely,



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