

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL-BASED H1N1 VACCINATION CLINICS

The Macomb County Health Department was in advanced planning with the schools' districts, to conduct school-located influenza A (H1 N1) vaccination clinics beginning the week of November 2, 2009. These plans were based on vaccine supply projections provided to us by the vaccine manufacturers through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Michigan Department of Community Health.

On October 20, 2009, the Health Department was advised by the Michigan Department of Community Health that vaccine production and distribution in the United States was significantly behind schedule and that we would not have adequate supplies of vaccine to enable the Department to conduct the planned school-located vaccination clinics. Based on this new information, **all school-located vaccination clinics scheduled for the month of November have been cancelled.**

The Health Department will continue to evaluate the possibility of conducting some of these school-located clinics in December dependent upon vaccine availability and influenza illness within our community during the next few weeks.

Vaccine distribution to private physicians enrolled in the H1N1 program in the county will proceed and the Health Department (with the available limited supplies) will conduct community clinics targeting the highest-risk individuals, as defined by ACIP, beginning the week of November 2, 2009. Clinic dates, times, and locations will be posted **on an on-going basis** on our website at www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth.