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Health Department receives more vaccine; partners with VNA

The Kane County Health Department has received another shipment of H1N1 vaccine and will be partnering with the Visiting Nurses Association to conduct a number of appointment-only clinics at the VNA's Aurora location.

“It looks as if the vaccine supply is beginning to open up as more and more Kane providers receive shipments of the H1N1 vaccine,” said Paul Kuehnert, Executive Director. “We are pleased to be working with VNA to make more vaccinations available by appointment to high-risk Kane residents. These appointments are for any Kane resident who meets the high-risk criteria---not just VNA patients. There will be no charge for these vaccinations at the VNA, just like at the Health Department,”

The Health Department is also providing nearly 5,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine this week to local obstetricians and pediatricians and community health centers who will be able to provide the vaccine directly to their most at-risk patients.

Dependent upon vaccine supply, the Health Department's partnership with the VNA of the Fox Valley will provide H1N1 vaccination to another 1,500 residents each week in special H1N1 flu clinics that will be held in Aurora. The Health Department is currently providing nearly 1,200 H1N1 vaccinations each week by appointment at its Elgin and Aurora locations. Kane residents can call (630-723-5414 for an H1N1 vaccination appointment for themselves or their children

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H1N1 vaccine is still being prioritized for residents who are most at risk for H1N1 influenza.

The most at-risk groups are:

- pregnant women,
- persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers),
- health-care and emergency medical services personnel
- persons aged 6 months--24 years
- persons aged 25--64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

Residents can take every day steps to help prevent the spread of the flu virus by covering their cough, washing their hands, and staying home if they're sick. More information about the H1N1 and seasonal flu is available at www.kanehealth.com.

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