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Health Department receives vaccine shipment

The Kane County Health Department received a shipment of the H1N1 vaccine Thursday, clearing the way for the department to begin scheduling appointments again. The department suspended appointments scheduling last week when the supply was depleted.

Paul Kuehnert, Executive Director, said, “We still are in the midst of a nationwide shortage, but the vaccine deliveries are beginning to trickle in to the providers and agencies that ordered it. As we move forward, the vaccine will be available to everybody who needs it.”

The Health Department has been able to administer nearly 13,000 doses in its clinics, plus push out 4,500 doses to hospitals and emergency services providers. The latest shipment of 5,000 doses will allow us to fill appointments through the end of December. Once we receive additional shipments, we will schedule additional clinics, including those earmarked to provide boosters to children who need the second dose. Further, with additional supplies, the Health Department will be pushing vaccine to private providers that will be able to vaccinate their at-risk patients, assuring that the vaccine is available throughout Kane County.

In addition to getting the vaccine, residents can take other steps on their own to prevent the flu, such as covering your cough, washing your hands frequently and staying home if you are sick. More information on preventing the flu is available at www.kanehealth.com. To schedule an appointment, residents may call our call center (630) 723-5414, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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