



**AKRON HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**For Immediate Release**

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**Akron, Ohio:** The Akron Health Department will hold two H1N1 vaccine clinics this week at the Helen Arnold Community Learning Center at 450 Vernon Odom Boulevard; the first will be held on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 4pm- 8pm, and the second will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am- 1pm. **People should not plan to arrive prior to 3pm for the Friday vaccination clinic.** Since school will be letting out and parents will be picking up their children prior to 3pm, the Akron Police Department will be strictly enforcing this warning.

The Akron Health Department will also hold an H1N1 clinic next Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Hill Community Learning Center, located at 850 Damon Street in northeast Akron, from 4pm- 8pm. As at all other H1N1 clinics being held at Community Learning Centers, we ask that people not arrive prior to 3pm due to school being let out at that time.

The H1N1 vaccine is voluntary, free, and will be given on a first come first served basis. People who have gotten a seasonal Flu-Mist vaccine must wait 28 days before they can get an H1N1 Flu-Mist, however, they may receive an H1N1 vaccination shot instead. Please call the Akron Health Department's Flu Hotline 330-375-2876 with questions about these clinics. **Do not call the Helen Arnold CLC or the Forest Hill CLC with questions about the H1N1 vaccine clinics.** As a limited amount of vaccine is available, current vaccination efforts will focus on the target groups per Centers of Disease Control recommendations. Those groups include:

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- pregnant women
- people who live with or care for children less than 6 months
- all people 6 months to 24 years
- people 25 to 64 years with chronic medical conditions
- healthcare workers and emergency medical workers

We ask the public to be patient and help us to focus on the priority groups in our vaccination efforts. We do expect to eventually have enough vaccine for everyone who wants to be vaccinated. More clinics throughout both the city of Akron and Summit County will be held as more vaccine is received. Clinic sites will be evenly distributed throughout the city and the county to provide access to everyone. All clinics given by the Akron, Barberton, and Summit County health departments will be posted on the website [www.summitflu.org](http://www.summitflu.org) as they are scheduled.

The best way to prevent the spread of the flu virus is to follow proven safe health practices such as; frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizers, covering your mouth while sneezing and coughing, staying home if you are ill, and getting your flu vaccine.

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