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H1N1 Flu Vaccine Available in Elmore County October 30th

On Friday October 30, 2009 the Central District Health Department (CDHD) will set up a Point of Dispensing (POD) operation at the Mountain Home Junior High School, 1600 East 6th South to administer H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine to Elmore County Priority Group members only. The hours will be from 12:30 – 7:00 p.m. Vaccine supply is extremely limited. Not all those seeking vaccine will be able to get it. Additional PODs will be scheduled as more vaccine becomes available.

The definition of Priority Groups is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). ACIP set forth guidelines for when vaccine is in short supply to target those individuals most susceptible to serious illness from the flu. The groups include:

- Pregnant women,
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age,
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient contact (i.e. diagnosing and treating patients with flu-like illness)
- Children 6 months to 4 years of age,
- Children 5 to 18 with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, lung, heart, liver or kidney disease, or are immune-compromised because of cancer treatment or HIV.

The process of going through the POD operation can be completed more quickly by downloading and filling out the Consent Form found on the CDHD website:

www.cdhd.idaho.gov.

Additional questions can be directed to the CDHD Flu Hotline 321-2222 or by visiting the CDHD website: www.cdhd.idaho.gov.