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SEDGWICK COUNTY ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE H1N1 VACCINATION CLINICS

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department is pleased to announce a partnership with many area schools to provide H1N1 vaccine clinics once vaccine becomes available, likely in October. A list of schools currently agreeing to provide H1N1 vaccine through school nurse clinics follows:

- Annoor Islamic School
- Bishop Carroll Catholic High School
- Cheney Public Schools
- Derby Public Schools
- Friends University
- Haysville Public Schools
- Heartspring School
- Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School
- Newman University
- Wichita Adventist Christian Academy
- Wichita Public Schools
- Wichita State University

The above listed schools and districts will only be providing vaccine to their students. It will not be mandatory for any student to receive the H1N1 vaccine; the school clinics merely offer the vaccine in the most convenient place possible for one of the priority vaccine groups (youth).

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“Young people are one of the most vulnerable to this illness. For this reason it will be imperative we get vaccines into the youth of our community as quickly as possible,” stated Sedgwick County Health Department Director Claudia Blackburn. “This partnership will allow that to happen. I couldn’t be more pleased with this collaboration.”

USD 259 Superintendent John Allison states, “Our priority is the health and well-being of our students and staff. This is an opportunity where school nurses, the health care experts in our schools, can provide a service needed and expected by the community...and one which will continue to support our core mission of educating children.”

Because vaccine will become available in waves, the first doses will be reserved for the target groups which include: healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, persons age 6 months to 24 years old, pregnant women, people aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions that compromise their immune systems, and household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age.

As more vaccine becomes available, others will be able to receive vaccinations. The federal government is working hard to ensure enough vaccine is available for those who want it. Until vaccine becomes common in the community it is very important citizens:

- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when coughing and sneezing
- Wash your hands often
- Stay home when you have a fever
- Keep your hands away from your mouth and nose

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