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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Health Department to Open H1N1 Vaccine Clinic Wednesday, October 28
(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department will open their H1N1 Vaccination East Harry Clinic on Wednesday, October 28. The clinic will **only** serve health care workers and pregnant women this week.

The clinic is located at the Wichita Mall (4031 E Harry Street, 67218). Hours of operation and the individuals who will be seen for vaccination will be determined on a weekly basis, as the Health Department learns how much vaccine they will receive the following week. This week, the East Harry vaccine clinic will be open from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday, until the vaccine supply is depleted.

If you are not a health care worker or a pregnant woman, the Sedgwick County Health Department asks you to respect the guidelines provided and not show up to the vaccine clinic this week. “I know it can be very frustrating to wait for your turn to be vaccinated,” said Sedgwick County Health Department Director Claudia Blackburn. “Please know the groups selected to receive vaccine first have been identified because they are at greatest risk for acquiring the illness and having negative outcomes or complications. We need to protect them first.”

Sedgwick County has received just over 18,000 vaccines in total. Even among the first priority groups, the demand far exceeds current supply.

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Media note: The clinic will likely be very busy. In an effort of coordination, please plan to get any photo or video footage on **Wednesday, October 28 at 2:30 p.m.** The Health Director will be present to answer questions and you will be able to follow a health care professional through the vaccine process.

To assure timely response to your needs, please remember all media requests should be directed through Jennifer McCausland, 316-660-9376 or jmccausl@sedgwick.gov.

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