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Shelby County Health Department

Press Release

For Immediate Release

On Saturday 14 November 2009 the Shelby County Health Department Vaccination Planning Group will coordinate H1N1 vaccination clinics at five Shelby County School sites.

These clinics will be held at Morristown High School, Waldron High School, Southwestern Elementary School, Triton High School and the Shelby Central High School. They will immunize all children from 6 months to children in the 12th grade. This change in plans is due to the change in vaccine deliveries. Vaccine deliveries continue to be very uncertain and less than a third of the original projections.

The Shelby Central site is scheduled for 9:00AM to noon. The other clinics are scheduled for 9:00AM to 11:00AM. Clinics will stay open until all children are treated or we have exhausted our vaccine supply. We plan to have another set of clinics at the schools next Saturday November 21st for the same population.

Parents who have previously signed vaccination consent forms for their children can pick them up at their schools and get their child vaccinated. The consent forms signed by parents of children at the Shelby Central Grade Schools; Coulston, Loper, Hendricks, and the St. Joseph School can pick up their consent forms at the Shelby Central High School clinic site.

Parents who have not previously signed consent forms can pick up a vaccine Information sheet and vaccination consent form at the clinic at their school, sign it and have their child vaccinated. Only a parent or legal guardian can sign the vaccination consent form. The legal guardian must provide documentation of their ability to sign consent for the child.

Parents should bring their child's vaccination record if they have one.

All children will be vaccinated with the injectable vaccine. Pregnant parents and staff will also receive the injectable vaccine.

All other parents and school staff who wish to be vaccinated will be offered only Flumist, a nasal vaccine. This vaccine is recommended only for parents and staff under 50 years old who are in good health and not pregnant.

If your child is not in a school daycare center or is home schooled and is in the age / grade range for this clinic, you can bring your child to the school clinic in your area for vaccination.

Children with severe colds or who have a temperature of 100 degrees cannot be vaccinated.

Vaccination of the other CDC target groups will follow as vaccine deliveries allow.

Visit the SCHED website at sched.net for current information about Shelby County H1N1 Clinics and the current status of the H1N1 Pandemic.