



Coos County Public Health

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Subject: **H1N1 Vaccine Clinic Scheduled December 19 at Pony Village Mall & Recalled Vaccine**

Coos County Public Health has scheduled an H1N1 flu vaccination clinic on Saturday, December 19, at 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Pony Village Mall in North Bend, on a drop-in basis. The eligibility has been expanded to include everyone, not just priority groups. “Coos County Public Health expects to have enough vaccine to immunize 1,000 persons next Saturday,” reports Lena Hawtin, Immunization Coordinator. The vaccine is free, and no one can pay out of pocket at the clinic, although insurance may be billed for persons whose insurance pays for the administration of the H1N1 vaccine. Most of the vaccine provided will be in the form of shots, although nose spray will be available.

Coos County providers have checked their vaccine records and did not receive any of the vaccine that was recently recalled; no children vaccinated at medical clinics in Coos County were affected. Ms. Hawtin noted that the recalled vaccine was the half-dose formulation for children 6 months – 35 months of age, and that it was not a question of safety, but an inadequate amount of the antigen, or active ingredient. Parents are reminded that children under the age of 10 years old need two doses of vaccine, 30 days apart, to develop full immunity, although 1 dose is estimated to be 75% effective in this age group.

For more information about H1N1, call Coos County Public Health at 756-2020, ext. 580, the Oregon Hotline, 1-800-978-3040, and go to the websites www.flu.oregon.gov and www.co.coos.or.us.