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Umatilla County Offers Priority Group H1N1 Vaccinations

Pendleton, Ore. – Umatilla County Health Department will be offering priority group vaccinations by appointment only for those at highest risk from complications of influenza. Those individuals that should be vaccinated in these special clinics are:

- Pregnant women in their 3rd trimester and,
- Those 6 months to 64 years of age with a chronic medical condition such as:
 - Lung/Pulmonary problems such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, pneumonia.
 - Heart/cardiovascular disease, not including hypertension.
 - Diabetes or other metabolic disorders.
 - Neuromuscular disorders such as stroke, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injuries, etc. that can compromise breathing or increase the risk of aspiration.
 - Immunocompromised: HIV positive, long term use of corticosteroids, etc.
 - Liver or kidney diseases.

Please call the health department at 541-278-5432 to schedule an appointment during one of the following dates, times and locations:

Pendleton Health Department:	November 3 rd	8 a.m. to Noon	By Appointment Only
Hermiston Health Department:	November 6 th	8 a.m. to Noon	By Appointment Only
Pendleton Health Department:	November 10 th	8 a.m. to Noon	By Appointment Only
Hermiston Health Department:	November 13 th	8 a.m. to Noon	By Appointment Only

Umatilla County Public Health urges all other individuals that are listed in the priority risk groups to make plans to attend one of the other scheduled priority group vaccination clinics, beginning in Hermiston on November 21st. Individuals with a medical provider are encouraged to check with them to see if they have vaccine.

Vaccine is coming into the county very slowly. The state has only received 6% of the total vaccine allocated for those in the priority risk groups. No vaccine shortage is being reported to date. It is expected that the bulk of the vaccine will be coming the end of the year and early January.

For more information regarding seasonal or H1N1 flu visit:

CDC website www.cdc.gov State of Oregon www.flu.oregon.gov
Umatilla County www.umatillacounty.net

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