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Umatilla County Updates Flu Cases

Pendleton, Ore. – Umatilla County is reporting that since September 1st, 2009 there have been 14 confirmed H1N1 cases and 3 deaths. The latest fatality is a male in his 30's that passed away in his home earlier this month. He was not diagnosed as having H1N1 until after his death. It is unclear if any underlying medical conditions played a role in his death. There is no established medical history.

"We continue to encourage everyone to take protective measures to protect themselves from influenza".

1. Protect yourself and others by washing your hands often or using an alcohol based hand sanitizer if a hand washing facility is not available.
2. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or shirt sleeve; not your hand, when coughing or sneezing and discard tissue immediately in a waste container.
3. If you are ill stay home and avoid exposing others to your illness.

Umatilla County will be offering vaccinations for those in the priority risk group beginning in Hermiston on November 21st. Individuals with a medical provider are encouraged to check with them to see if they have vaccine.

Hermiston:	November 21 st	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Hermiston High School Commons
Milton Freewater:	December 1 st	2 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Community Room
Pendleton:	December 19 th	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Pendleton High School Commons

For those in the priority groups that are unable to make any of the above mention dates the health department will be open the following dates for exclusive H1N1 vaccinations.

December 28 th & 29 th	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Health Department	200 SE 3 rd St	Pendleton
December 30 th & 31 st	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Health Department	435 E. Newport St.	Hermiston

The reported priority groups to receive the H1N1 vaccine are as follows:

- Pregnant women;
- Household contacts of infants younger than 6 months;
- Health care and emergency services personnel
- Individuals between 6 months and 24 years; and
- Those aged 25 years or older with underlying conditions that put them at high risk of complications from influenza.

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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