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H1N1 vaccine clinic in Gresham ***Saturday clinic will focus on priority populations***

Multnomah County Health Department announces a public H1N1 vaccine clinic for Saturday, November 14 at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 SE Stark Street in the Allied Health Building from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Both injectable vaccine and the nasal spray (Flumist®) will be available at the clinic. The health department will place members of priority populations at the front of the line. This includes:

- Pregnant women
- Children under 5 years of age (6 months to 59 months)
- Individuals under 64 years of age with chronic health issues, such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma, chronic lung disease
- Individuals who care for infants under 6 months of age
- Health care workers

Tri-county health officer Dr. Gary Oxman emphasized the continued importance of the H1N1 vaccine in preventing illness in those that are at highest risk of complications. "More vaccine flowing through the health care system, combined with public vaccine clinics, is helping us reach our goal of protecting people at highest risk of severe complications from H1N1."

Health officials expect high demand at the event and know that the available vaccines will likely not be enough for everyone who wants to get vaccinated on Saturday. Vaccine will be given out on a first come, first served basis. Communities around the country continue to struggle with the slower than anticipated production and distribution of the H1N1 vaccine.

Organizers are asking that attendees consider their own personal needs while attending the clinic; these include bringing basics like snacks, water, diapers for young children, and considering what will be needed to be comfortable while waiting in line.

This H1N1 clinic is being organized by Mt. Hood Community College, the City of Gresham's Office of Emergency Management, the City of Portland's Office of Emergency Management, and Multnomah County Health Department.

Clinic attendees can access the college campus from the Kane Drive/29th Street entrance.

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