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NEWS RELEASE

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The Salem County Health Department has planned regional H1N1 clinics to administer first and second doses to the community. The health department is still only allowed to vaccinate individuals in the priority one group. Priority one includes, pregnant women, all children aged 6 months – 24 years, caregivers of children 6 months and younger, individuals aged 25-64 with a chronic health condition, all licensed and certified healthcare staff and EMS personnel. The local health departments are not allowed to vaccinate anyone outside of these groups.

Children aged 9 and younger are supposed to get a second dose at least 28 days after the first dose to make sure they have full immunity. There is no loss of immunity from waiting longer than 28 days for the second dose; however, if a child gets their second dose before the recommended wait time, they may not be fully immune. Anyone who received a H1N1 shot also received a yellow card as a record of this first dose. Parents bringing their children for a second dose are encouraged to have this card as proof of a first dose to ensure they waited long enough between doses. Your child may still be vaccinated if you forget or have misplaced this card, however, please be prepared to answer questions about their first dose.

These clinics will be held from now until the middle of January at various dates and locations throughout the county. We are encouraging residents to attend the clinic that is in their area rather than going to the first one offered. We are doing this ensure shorter lines, shorter wait time and a calmer experience for everyone.

The clinic dates are as follows:

A.P. Shalick High School: December 15th, 4pm-7pm

Penns Grove/Carney's Point High School: January 6th, 4pm- 7pm

Mary Shoemaker Elementary School: January 7th, 4pm-7pm

Salem City High School: January 11th, 4pm-7pm

Pennsville High School: January 14th, 4pm-7pm

Consent forms are available online at www.cshealth.org to be filled out ahead of time and they will also be available at the entrance of the clinic. For more information, please check www.cshealth.org or call 856-935-7510 ext. 8477.