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Health Department Guidelines for This Week's H1N1 Vaccine Clinic
(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Sedgwick County Health Department will reopen their H1N1 Vaccination East Harry Clinic on Wednesday, November 4. **The only vaccine available at this time is the nasal spray version, which can only be administered to healthy 2-49 year olds.**

This week, the clinic will only serve healthy individuals in the following groups:

- Healthcare workers under the age of 49 years
- People who are under the age of 49 and live with or care for infants six months and younger
- Children age two to four years old

This means that anyone with conditions that weaken the respiratory or immune systems **will not be vaccinated** (because they cannot receive the FluMist®). This includes:

- Pregnant women
- People with long-term health problems including, but not limited to, heart disease, asthma, diabetes or kidney failure
- People who take medications that can weaken the immune system
- Children less than five years old who have asthma or a history of recurrent wheezing
- Children or adolescents receiving aspirin therapy
- People with a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome
- People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs or who are allergic to any of the nasal spray vaccine components

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It is okay for close contacts of pregnant women or persons with lesser degrees of immunosuppression (e.g., diabetes, HIV) to receive the FluMist®.

Individuals with flu-like symptoms should not come to the vaccine clinic. People exhibiting flu-like symptoms (fever greater than 100 degrees, coughing, respiratory congestion or body aches) will be screened out as you are not able to receive vaccine if you currently have the flu. Aside from being turned away, individuals who have flu-like symptoms run the risk of infecting others.

The clinic is located at the Wichita Mall (4031 E Harry Street, 67218). Hours of operation and the individuals who will be seen for vaccination are determined on a weekly basis, as the Health Department learns how much and the type of vaccine they will receive the following week. This week, the East Harry vaccine clinic will be open from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday, or until the vaccine supply is depleted.

Media note: Once again, the clinic will likely be very busy. In an effort of coordination, please plan to get any photo or video footage on **Wednesday, November 4, at 2:30 p.m.** The Health Director will be present to answer questions.

To assure timely response to your needs, please remember all media requests should be directed through Jennifer McCausland, 316-660-9376 or jmccausl@sedgwick.gov.

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