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### **Health Department Receives Additional Vaccine, Revises Eligible Groups**

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – The Sedgwick County Health Department has received a shipment of 5,100 doses of H1N1 vaccine, which includes injection and nasal spray vaccines. Since the injection vaccine will be available Thursday, November 5, the health department has expanded the groups that are eligible to receive the vaccine this week.

The clinic, located at the 4031 E. Harry, will open on **Thursday, November 5, from 2 to 7 p.m.** to distribute vaccine (nasal spray and injection) to individuals who fit into the following groups:

- Pregnant women
- Healthcare workers
- Household contacts and caregivers of infants younger than six months of age
- Children age six months through four years
- Children age five through 18 years who have underlying chronic medical conditions

The clinic will remain open today, November 4, from 2 to 7 p.m. but will only distribute nasal spray vaccine. The vaccine will be distributed to **healthy** individuals, age two to 49 years, who are:

- Healthcare workers
- Children age two to four years
- Household contacts and caregivers of infants six months and younger

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If you have an underlying health condition, including asthma, heart disease or HIV, you may not receive the vaccine today (November 4). Please wait to come to the clinic on November 5 when the injection vaccine will be available.

If you are not in one of the groups listed, the Sedgwick County Health Department asks you to observe the guidelines provided and wait until the vaccine clinic serves your group. “We greatly appreciate the honesty and patience the public displayed last week in respecting the guidelines for who could receive the vaccine,” said Sedgwick County Health Department Director Claudia Blackburn. “It is very difficult as a health care professional to have to place restrictions on whom we vaccinate, but due to our current limited supply, we must.”

This week, the East Harry vaccine clinic will be open from 2 to 7 p.m., Wednesday – Saturday, or until the vaccine supply is depleted. Hours of operation and the groups who will be vaccinated are determined on a weekly basis as the Health Department learns how much vaccine they will receive the following week.

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 the health risk of receiving a vaccine while infected with the flu, individuals who have flu-like symptoms run the risk of infecting others.

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