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TO: Clay County Residents

RE: H1N1 Vaccine Still Available in Many Outlets in the County

The health center, local doctor's offices, and pharmacies have been able to provide H1N1 vaccinations to thousands of Clay County residents. We know the H1N1 virus is still present in our area since we continue to see reported cases of influenza throughout Missouri and Kansas. We know our schools have not been in session for nearly three weeks and the cold temperatures have forced many people indoors which may be helping to keep the numbers low. We also know that it is not unusual for a pandemic to occur in three waves. Historically the months of January, February and March are the peak season for influenza.

Since April of 2009 we have observed 2 waves of illness. Although the number of reported cases is low right now, we feel it is still extremely important that as many people as possible get an H1N1 shot. This will help protect you, your family, and your community too. Remember if you did not get the H1N1 shot and haven't gotten the flu yet you can still get sick from H1N1. A combination of good hygiene practices and vaccination is still the best defense for avoiding the flu.

It's not too late! Anyone can come to the health center located at 800 Haines Drive in Liberty, Monday through Friday for a **free** H1N1 shot. You do not need an appointment for our morning clinics which run from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Parents who are seeking the 2nd dose of the vaccine for their children can also walk-in during those times. If morning clinics are not best for you, we have afternoon clinics but you must **call 816-595-4355 to schedule an afternoon appointment.**

Area doctors, clinics, and pharmacies still have vaccine as well. Vaccinating everyone who can be vaccinated will also help our community protect those who, because of their age (less than six months) or their medical conditions, cannot be vaccinated.

Yours in good health,

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