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H1N1 FluMist Vaccine Clinics October 22 and 29

(INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI) Monday, October 19, 2009 – The Independence Health Department will conduct H1N1 FluMist vaccine clinics from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 22 and 29 at the Health Department, 515 S. Liberty, Independence.

Health Director Larry Jones said last week Independence administered 291 doses of the H1N1 FluMist vaccine.

“With the newly available of the H1N1 FluMist vaccine, key population groups are urged to get vaccinated,” Jones said.

The key populations groups assembled by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) include pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, and persons between ages 6 months to 24 years.

FluMist or LAIV for H1N1 should **NOT** be given to the following groups:

- Children younger than 2 and adults 50 years and older
- Pregnant women
- Those with chronic medical conditions
- Those with an allergy to eggs or any other substance in the vaccine
- Those with asthma
- A history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- If you have received antiviral medications within the last 48 hours
- Have had the seasonal FluMist (LAIV) within the last 28 days

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If you belong to one of the key population groups, it is strongly encouraged you receive the vaccine to protect yourself and those around you.

At this time, the Independence Health Department is only administering FluMist. Please check the Health Department website at www.independencemo.org/health in November for the injectable form of the vaccine or for other questions, call the City of Independence Health Department H1N1 Hotline at 325-6300.

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