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Free Public Flu Clinic to be held at Gratwick Hose Volunteer Fire Department, North Tonawanda

This is National Influenza Vaccination Week. The Centers for Disease Control and the Niagara County Department of Health urge all individuals to receive their Flu vaccinations to assure protection and prevent flu complications. Historically, cases of influenza illness begin to rise in February and peak in March and April.

On Thursday January 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., the Niagara County Department of Health will conduct a **free seasonal and H1N1 Flu vaccination clinic** in conjunction with the North Tonawanda Fire Department and Emergency Management Office at the Gratwick Hose Volunteer Fire Department, located at 110 Ward Road. This clinic will be open to all individuals from age 6 months and older. No insurance or appointments are necessary, and anyone is welcome to attend.

This will be the first Flu vaccination Point of Dispensing (POD) in Niagara County at which trained advanced EMTs and paramedics from the North Tonawanda Emergency Medical Services will join the Niagara County Department of Health nurses and Medical Reserve Corps doctors and nurses to administer flu vaccinations to the public. In addition to volunteer fireman from North Tonawanda Fire Department and volunteers from the Niagara County Medical Reserve Corps, the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and volunteer auxiliary police will work to support POD operations. Other working partners include the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, Niagara County Office of Emergency Management/Fire Coordination, North Tonawanda Police Department, North Tonawanda Department of Public Works, Niagara University, Niagara County Legislature, and medical volunteers from New York State Department of Health Serve NY.

For additional information about the free Flu vaccination clinic, please contact the Niagara County Department of Health Division of Emergency Preparedness at 716-439-7439 or 716-439-7436.

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