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The Niagara County Department of Health will be holding free seasonal/H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics at the Lockport Senior High School located at 250 Lincoln Avenue on Saturday, January 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and at the South Lockport Fire Department at 5666 S. Transit Road on Tuesday, February 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The clinics are open to the public for individuals aged 6 months and older. Appointments at the Lockport High School are filled until 1:30 p.m. **Individuals without appointments are welcome to walk-in for their free flu vaccinations after 1:30 p.m.** No appointments are required for the South Lockport Fire Department, and people can report to register for their vaccinations at 10:00 a.m.

Flu-like illness is beginning to rise again in Niagara County. Historically, influenza illness begins to rise in February and peak in March and April. Because Seasonal and H1N1 strains of influenza viruses continue to circulate, Public Health Director Daniel Stapleton wants everyone 6 months and older to be vaccinated against influenza so vulnerable members of the population are protected. "Infants under the age of 6 months cannot receive flu vaccine and are part of the age group with the highest rate of flu complications, hospitalizations and deaths. To protect these infants, it is important for everyone else around them to get vaccinated. Protect yourself, your family, and your community." Pregnant women and their households should be vaccinated before new babies arrive. Special preservative-free shots are available for infants 6 to 35 months and pregnant women at the clinic. "With our worsening economy, the numbers of uninsured and underinsured individuals in Western New York continue to increase. These clinics are there to give every individual equal access to flu vaccinations, regardless of economic status. We administered 2,200 flu vaccinations at our last clinic, held at the Gratwick Hose Volunteer Fire Company in North Tonawanda, so we know demand for vaccination remains high, especially among uninsured and underinsured families."

Other Flu clinics scheduled throughout Niagara County include:

February 12 – Niagara Wheatfield High School, 2292 Saunders Settlement Rd., Sanborn, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

February 17 – Doris W. Jones Family Resource Bldg., 3001 – 9th St., Niagara Falls, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

February 22 – Niagara Catholic School, 520 – 66th St., Niagara Falls, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

March 4 - North Tonawanda Middle School, 1500 Vanderbilt Avenue, North Tonawanda, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

March 11 – Lewiston Porter Community Resource Center, 4061 Creek Rd., Youngstown, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

March 18 – Wilson High School, 374-380 Lake St., Wilson, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information, interested individuals may call the Niagara County Department of Health at 716-439-7439.

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