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The Niagara County Department of Health will be holding free seasonal/H1N1 influenza vaccination clinics at the Niagara Wheatfield High School located at 2292 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn on Friday, February 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and at the Doris W. Jones Family Resource Building, 3001 Ninth St., Niagara Falls on Wednesday, February 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The clinics are open to the public for individuals aged 6 months and older. No appointments are required 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, everyone 6 months and older should 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. **Children under 10 years of age who need booster shots should get them this season to be fully protected.** Special preservative-free shots are available at the clinic for infants 6 to 35 months and pregnant women. 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.

Other Flu clinics scheduled throughout Niagara County include:

February 22 – Niagara Catholic School, 520 – 66th St., Niagara Falls, 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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