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FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SEASONAL AND H1N1 FLU UPDATE

February 1, 2010

Surveillance

For the period ending February 1, 2010 there have been:

- FIVE (5) - H1N1 Confirmed Cases in Fulton County

Influenza activity continues to decrease both in Illinois and the United States. This according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. However, officials say that H1N1 continues to be a threat and that persons should be vaccinated.

Special Information

The Fulton County Health Department encourages the parent of children age 9 and under of the need of the 2nd immunization (required for full protection from H1N1). The Health Department encourages all parents to get the 2nd immunization for their child 28 days or more after the first immunization at one of the Health Department's scheduled H1N1 immunization clinics.

Vaccine – H1N1

The Fulton County Health Department has H1N1 Live Attenuated Nasal Spray (LAIV) and Injectable H1N1 vaccine at its clinics. All clinics are open to all persons and there is no charge for the immunization. As of February 1, 2010, the following clinic dates, time and locations have been set:

- Every Tuesday in February (2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/21) at the Fulton County Health Department, 700 E Oak Street, Canton IL 61520 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM
- Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at the Fulton County Health Department, Astoria Office from 4:00PM to 6:00PM.

*The amount of vaccine at these clinics is control, we will only serve as many as we can with the allotted vaccine for that clinic.

*Children 9 years of age and younger need a second doses of the vaccine 28 days or more after the first dose.

*Addition clinics will be announced as vaccine is available and there is interest by the public.

Vaccine – Seasonal

The Fulton County Health Department has a limited amount of seasonal flu vaccine available by appointment by calling the Health Department at 647-1134 X 254. There is no charge for the seasonal vaccine if the person to be immunized shows their Medicare Part B card. The Health Department is not taking private insurance or Medicare Part B supplemental insurance. The fee is \$25 and persons will be issued a receipt that they can submit to their insurance carrier for reimbursement.

Mitigation

FCHD continues to promote the 3C's : Cover your cough and sneeze, Clean your hands by Washington with soap or by using a hand sanitizer, Contain you illness by staying home; and get the seasonal and H1N1 vaccinations when they become available. FCHD is working with Graham Hospital, Graham Medical Group and other health care providers in the county in this cooperative effort.

For the latest seasonal and H1N1 information log on to www.ready.illinois.gov.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON SEASONAL AND H1N1 FLU INCLUDING THE CURRENT HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC SCHEDULE – CALL THE FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 309-647-1134 AND CHOOSE OPTION 5 OR EXTENSION 300