



PRESS RELEASE

Just Over 14% of LaPorte County Residents Vaccinated Against H1N1

LaPorte County, IN (December 30, 2009) - LaPorte County Health Department officials reported today that more than 10,000 children and young adults in LaPorte County Schools have received the H1N1 flu vaccine at free clinics held in schools throughout the county in the past month.

“We want to thank all the school personnel and the parent volunteers who helped make these mass immunization clinics such a success,” stated Paul Trost, Administrator of the LaPorte County Health Department. “We’ve been able to get vaccine to most of our 41 schools now, and since children under the age of 9 will require two doses of the H1N1 vaccine, we’ll be returning to the rest of the elementary schools for a second clinic after schools resume in January.”

According to information provided by the LaPorte County Health Department and the Indiana State Department of Health, LaPorte County distributed 15,941 doses of the H1N1 vaccine by Friday, December 19th. Dr. Charles Janovsky said, “The actual number of vaccine doses administered is even higher because the count only becomes official when the provider enters the information in the state’s immunization registry. While we’ve succeeded in administering many doses of vaccine, we do have vaccine on hand for our free walk-in clinics held every Wednesday...and as we’ve only been able to vaccinate about 14% of our county population, we have many more people to vaccinate.”

Here’s the breakout showing the number of people in LaPorte County who HAVE BEEN vaccinated and the number who LIVE IN LaPorte County and could be vaccinated:

	6 months to 24 years	25-64 yrs with chronic health conditions	guardians of children under 6 months	health care and EMS	pregnant women	general population	TOTAL
vaccinated	10297	1251	218	2061	374	1740	15941
Live in LPC	36015	13420	1803	4143	1504	54003	110888

The Health Department reminds the public that FREE walk-in H1N1 flu vaccine clinics are available to the general population every Wednesday from 9am until 7pm at both the Michigan City and LaPorte offices of the LaPorte County Health Department.

“The CDC’s most recent estimate is that about 15% of the American population has been infected so far this year with the 2009 H1N1 virus,” said Dr. Janovsky, “so most people are still at risk for getting sick. Both the CDC and WHO have advised that subsequent waves of the H1N1 are possible...and we’re now in seasonal flu months as well. As families are gathering for the holidays, we are encouraging everyone to continue healthy practices. That includes frequently washing your hands, coughing or sneezing into your sleeve and staying home if you’re sick. If you haven’t yet received your H1N1 or seasonal flu vaccines, please do so as soon as you can.”

Don't Get the Flu. Don't Spread the Flu. Get Vaccinated Today.