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# PRESS RELEASE

## Influenza Vaccines

**LaPorte County, IN** (September 4, 2009) - The LaPorte County Health Department issued the following statement today:

“Seasonal flu vaccines are being dispensed right now at a variety of locations. If you have not received your seasonal flu shot, we encourage you to do so. Vaccines are available at your physician’s office, at the LaPorte County Health Department and at various locations throughout the county.

In late October, the vaccine for novel H1N1 influenza will become available. This is a different vaccine from the seasonal flu. People who are in these high-risk target groups should get the H1N1 vaccine in addition to the seasonal flu vaccine.:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than six (6) months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons between the ages of six (6) months through 24 years
- People ages 25-64 who are at high risk because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems

Once the H1N1 vaccine becomes available, the LaPorte County Health Department will dispense it from our LaPorte and Michigan City offices at no charge. We understand that many people prefer to receive vaccines from their family physicians, obstetricians and pediatricians; these physicians will receive enough vaccines from us for their patients who are in one of the above-mentioned targeted groups. It is our understanding that some physicians may charge an administration fee.

The Indiana State Department of Health assures us that we will receive enough vaccine to cover the at-risk people in LaPorte County. If you have any questions about the H1N1 vaccine, please contact the LaPorte County Health Department at 219/326-6808 X2200 or 219/879-9383 X2200. You may also email us at [H1N1@laportecounty.org](mailto:H1N1@laportecounty.org). Visit our website at [www.laportecounty.org/health/health\\_dept/html](http://www.laportecounty.org/health/health_dept/html).”

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