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BROWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES EXPANDED HOURS FOR H1N1 HIGH RISK VACCINATION CLINIC

(FORT LAUDERDALE) – Officials at the Broward County Health Department announced today expanded hours for the H1N1 High Risk Vaccination Clinic located at the Fort Lauderdale National Guard Armory. The H1N1 High Risk Vaccination Clinic will operate every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. Expanded hours will start Thursday, November 19, 2009. The National Guard Armory is located at 400 SW 24th Street in Fort Lauderdale 33315 (East State Road 84 and SW 4th Avenue). The H1N1 vaccination is free and available on a walk-in basis. **NOTE: All Broward County Health Department programs and services will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday – Thursday and Friday (November 26 and 27, 2009).**

“We sincerely encourage all people in the priority groups to get vaccinated now before the peak of flu season,” said Dr. Paula Thaqi, Director of the Broward County Health Department.

People in the high priority groups include:

- **Pregnant women**
- **Health care and emergency medical personnel**
- **People who live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age**
- **Anyone 6 months to 24 years of age, and**
- **Anyone 25 to 64 years of age who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza related complications**

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H1N1 vaccination clinics for the general public are expected to open in Broward County starting early December.

Health officials encourage everyone to get vaccinated when vaccine is available and continue to offer these recommendations for protection against the flu:

- Stay home if you are sick for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand cleaners.
- Keep your hands away from your face.
- See your healthcare provider if you are sick.
- Take antiviral medicine if recommended.

More information on H1N1Influenza is provided at:

Broward County Health Department: www.browardchd.org – (954) 467-4705

Florida Department of Health: www.myflusafety.com

Toll free 24/7 Florida Flu Information Line: 1-877-352-3581

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: www.flu.gov

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