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## H1N1 Flu Vaccine Expanded to All Michigan Residents

Kingsford, Michigan – December 9, 2009. Due to an increasing supply of H1N1 (Swine) flu vaccine, the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department and area medical providers will begin offering vaccination for the H1N1 strain of influenza to all community residents. Previously, vaccine had been limited to five priority groups, based on state and federal guidelines.

“The Michigan Department of Community Health will formally open vaccination to the general public beginning Monday, December, 14<sup>th</sup>,” said Linda Piper, Health Officer, “but is allowing local health departments to move forward sooner, if local supplies are adequate. With weekly vaccine shipments increasing, we have now lifted restrictions. Local medical providers will also be informed that all of their patients are now eligible to receive vaccine.”

The Health Department will hold several community H1N1 flu vaccination clinics in schools and other community locations in both counties between December 10<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>. A Saturday morning clinic is also scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> in Kingsford. “The general public is welcome to attend these clinics,” Piper said. “We are pleased that we can make the H1N1 flu vaccination available to whoever wants it before the holiday season.”

Please call the Health Department at 774-1868 or 265-4150 to schedule an appointment for one of these clinics.