

## Turnout for H1N1 clinic nears 1,000



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A line of people snaked Sunday from the sidewalks throughout the hallways of Benjamin Logan High School, where some individuals waited for about an hour and 15 minutes to receive a free H1N1 vaccination at a clinic conducted by the Logan County Health District.

Health district officials reported that some area residents began lining up around noon for the clinic that was to start at 2 p.m. Consequently, nurses started giving out the injectable vaccine and FluMist nasal vaccine around 1:30 p.m.

"The people are being very patient and are asking good questions," Dr. Boyd Hoddinott, county health commissioner, said about midway through the clinic.

Approximately 960 people turned out for the clinic that targeted individuals ages 6 months through 24 years, along with pregnant women, health care workers with direct patient contact, and primary caregivers of infants younger than 6 months old. Dr. Hoddinott said the health district actually had planned for several thousand people and had expected the wait time to be about 2 to 3 hours.

A number of area agencies and groups helped provide nurses and crowd control for the clinic, including the Medical Reserve Corps, Logan County Sheriff's Office, Rushcreek EMS and the Ohio State Highway Patrol, said LCHD Interim Nursing Director Kay Schroer.

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Ethan Carter, 5, of Bellefontaine, right, receives a FluMist nasal H1N1 vaccine administered by Jennifer Wren, Logan County Health District home health supervisor, during a clinic Sunday at Benjamin Logan High School. The free clinic was hosted by the LCHD and targeted individuals ages 6 months through 24 years, pregnant women, health care workers with direct patient contact, and primary caregivers of infants younger than 6 months old.



Area residents line the halls of Benjamin Logan High School Sunday, waiting in line to receive an H1N1

vaccine in the school gymnasium at the free clinic offered by the Logan County Health District.



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