

Health district prepares for mass vaccination flu clinic



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Considering the potential for many people to be sickened by the H1N1 virus this season, County Health Commissioner Dr. Boyd Hoddinott recommends that individuals get a jump start on their immunizations by receiving a seasonal flu shot.

Area residents can act on this advice by attending the Logan County Health District's mass vaccination seasonal flu clinic 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Swine flu vaccinations are not yet available.

Only walk-ins will be accepted during the clinic at the 210 S. Main St. facility, at a cost of \$20 for private pay. The health district can also bill Medicare and Medicaid.

LCHD staff, the local medical reserve corps and other volunteers will run the clinic. Matt Stonerock, emergency preparedness coordinator, said the health district is unsure how many people to expect Saturday because Kroger, Walgreens and doctor's offices also have been administering seasonal flu vaccines.

Mr. Stonerock advised those attending the clinic to dress appropriately for the weather and to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, as individuals may have to wait in line outside the health district, depending on how many people participate.

Parking at the health district will only be available for those receiving a flu shot.

Additional walk-in flu shot clinics will be conducted from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays beginning Monday.

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