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H1N1 Vaccine Available for all Coloradans over the Age of 6 Months

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) officially announced that the H1N1 influenza vaccine is available to all individuals over the age of 6 months as supplies allow. The City and County of Broomfield Health and Human Services Department (BHHS) has successfully administered and distributed H1N1 vaccines to immunize individuals in Broomfield's highest priority groups who sought the vaccine. This success is attributed to the collaboration and partnerships among Broomfield's healthcare providers and community immunizers who have assisted in administering the vaccine. The BHHS would like to acknowledge the outstanding work that the following Broomfield medical providers have done to help prevent the spread of H1N1:

- ◆ Arvada Pediatric Associates North, P.C,
- ◆ Broomfield Pediatrics and Internal Medicine
- ◆ Broomfield Family Practice, New West Physicians
- ◆ Family Medical Associates
- ◆ Flat Irons Family Practice
- ◆ Health Shots

These providers will continue to receive weekly vaccine deliveries from BHHS to support their continued efforts to vaccinate against H1N1.

Now that the vaccine is available to all individuals over the age of 6 months, our highest priority is to distribute the large majority of vaccine to local medical providers, community immunizers, urgent care clinics, and pharmacies to administer to the general public. Surrounding counties also report strong collaborations with their county medical providers and are distributing vaccine directly to these providers on a weekly basis.

HHS will retain a small amount of vaccine to administer to uninsured Broomfield residents. H1N1 immunizations offered through the HHS Clinics will be limited to uninsured Broomfield residents. Non-Broomfield residents will be referred to their private healthcare provider, local community immunizers, or the local health department for the County in which they reside.

Parents of insured children under the age of 10 who are in need of a second dose should contact their child's medical provider to schedule the second vaccine. Many insurance plans do NOT require a co-pay for a vaccine at a doctor's office. Pharmacies and community immunizers may charge a nominal administration fee through their clinics.

Residents with questions about H1N1 are encouraged to call CO HELP at 1-877-462-2911 or go to <http://www.colorado.gov/nofluforyou>. For information on flu vaccination clinics, go to <http://www.immunizecolorado.com>.