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Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) Providing H1N1 Vaccine to Holiday Shoppers *H1N1 vaccine will be available to priority groups at River Oaks Center on December 12, 2009*

To make it easier for people to receive H1N1 vaccine during the busy holiday season, CCDPH officials are taking H1N1 vaccination clinics to shopping malls. The first mall-based H1N1 vaccination clinic will be Saturday, December 12th, at River Oaks Center in Calumet City, IL. Details for additional mall clinics will be released in the coming days.

CCDPH will have staff on-hand to vaccinate all those who are within the priority groups identified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These groups include all pregnant women, caretakers and household contacts of children under 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services employees, individuals 6 months to 24 years of age, and individuals 25 to 64 years of age with underlying medical conditions, such as asthma or diabetes, that put them at high risk for flu-related complications.

“Although we are seeing a decline in cases, getting vaccinated now is the best way to protect you and your family from a potential third wave of increased H1N1 activity early next year.” said CCDPH chief operating officer, Stephen A. Martin, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H. “Since we are in the midst of the holiday season, we’re bringing vaccine to the malls so people may receive their vaccine and still meet the demands of the busy shopping season.”

The River Oaks Center mall is located at 96 River Oaks Center Dr (intersection of Torrence Avenue and 159th Street) in Calumet City, IL 60409.

Residents should enter the mall near the Sears entrance. The clinic will be located in the lobby area of the former movie theater. Starting at 10am, 400 tickets will be handed out on a first come, first served basis. Based on the time listed on their ticket, residents will be asked to return to receive a vaccination at a designated time between 10am and 3pm that same day.

CCDPH continues to provide options for suburban Cook County residents to receive H1N1 vaccine. We will continue vaccinating in regional appointment clinics, various walk-in locations and at schools and licensed daycares in suburban Cook County.

For more information about CCDPH vaccination efforts, please visit www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

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