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Free H1N1 Vaccine Still Available in Lee County *- Free H1N1 Vaccine in Ft. Myers Beach This Week-*

Fort Myers, FL – It's here! Flu season that is and getting a flu shot is the best way to protect yourself and those around you from getting sick. H1N1 is still available in Lee County and this week will be provided free for residents in the City of Ft. Myers Beach.

Those individuals that are at higher risk for flu complications should make a priority of getting vaccinated. Pregnant women, children and young adults age 6 months through 24 years, and people who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza such as heart disease, asthma or diabetes.

"During National Influenza Week it's important to remind residents that H1N1 and seasonal flu are still around and the very best way to protect yourself and your loved ones is to get vaccinated," said Judith A. Hartner, M.D., M.P.H., M.P.A., Director of the Lee County Health Department.

During National Influenza Week (January 10th – 16th) is a great time to take advantage of the upcoming clinics in the City of Ft. Myers Beach. Also, parents that still need to get that second H1N1 dose for their children 9 years and younger can attend.

Only H1N1 vaccinations will be provided by the Ft. Myers Beach Fire Department:
Vaccine available for ages 36 months and older

- Monday, January 11th: Chapel By The Sea from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
100 Chapel St. or near the 2300 block of Estero Blvd, Ft. Myers Beach FL
- Tuesday, January 12th: Chapel By The Sea from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
100 Chapel St. or near the 2300 block of Estero Blvd, Ft. Myers Beach FL

Seasonal & H1N1 vaccinations will be provided by the Lee County Health Department:
Vaccine available for all ages

- Weekdays from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
83 Pondella Rd. North, Ft. Myers FL

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Things to know before you come:

- No need to come early, wait times are shorter for those that come a bit later.
- No medical documentation is required
- No residency documentation is required

For more information on influenza activity there are a number of resources available such as the Florida Department of Health toll-free number which provides public health information and updates on H1N1 Swine flu. The information line is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT, seven days a week. Information is available in English, Spanish and Creole. The Florida Flu Information Line is 1-877-352-3581.

For web-based information please visit any of the following websites:

Lee County Health Department, www.leechd.com

Florida Department of Health, <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/DEMO/php/FluInfo.htm>

My Safe Florida, www.myflusafety.com

The Centers for Disease Prevention and Control, <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

The World Health Organization, (WHO), <http://www.who.int/en/>

Flu.gov, <http://www.flu.gov/>

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