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2009 H1N1 FLU VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 4 YEARS OLD

DECATUR - CEO Burrell Ellis announced that the DeKalb County Board of Health will begin administering its early shipment of H1N1 vaccine for healthy children ages 2 to 4 years old beginning Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at all five of its health centers. The nasal spray known as live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) is focused on healthy children age 2 to 4 years old in order to reach a population that spreads the virus and is more at risk for hospitalizations. A small portion of the nasal spray will also be dispensed to first responders including the DeKalb County Board of Health clinical staff and DeKalb County Government Public Safety staff.

DeKalb received its first shipment of 4,000 doses of the H1N1 live nasal spray on Monday, October 5. Board of Health officials anticipate that when more vaccine arrives, including the inactivated injectable form, they will expand the H1N1 vaccination program to include the remainder of the county.

The Board of Health is providing the vaccine free to patients, but an administrative fee may be charged through Medicare, Medicaid, and third party insurances including State Health Benefit plans for United Health Care and Cigna. Persons are asked to bring their insurance cards at the time of service. Service is based on a first come, first serve basis until the current vaccine supply is depleted. Walk-in service is available at all Board of Health centers, Monday through Friday between 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Please call the DeKalb County Board of Health for specific information about vaccine locations at 404-294-3700 or visit www.dekalbhealth.net.

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