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NEWS RELEASE

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S WEEKLY
H1N1 SWINE FLU STATUS UPDATE & VACCINATION CLINIC SCHEDULE
March 1, 2010 through March 5, 2010**

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA – St. Johns County Health Department continues to monitor the current flu situation in our community and, as always, will continue to follow the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

-NEW INFORMATION-

St. Johns County Health Department continues to offer the 2009 H1N1 Swine Flu Vaccine to all individuals that wish to be vaccinated, free of charge, while supplies last. Due to vaccine availability, the schedule for H1N1 Swine Flu Clinic events will be completed on a week-by-week basis. These vaccinations are also offered aboard the Public Health Mobile Center at various locations throughout the County. The public is encouraged to visit the St. Johns County Health Departments website, www.StJohnsCHD.org, to view the current schedule.

For the week of March 1, 2010, the schedule for the H1N1 Swine Flu Vaccination Clinic is as follows:

Clinic Location	Date	Time	Cost
St. Johns County Health Department 1955 U.S. 1 South, Suite 100, St. Augustine, FL 32086	<i>Monday thru Friday</i> <i>March 1 – 5, 2010</i>	9:00am to 12:00pm ~ 1:00pm to 4:00pm	FREE
Public Health Mobile Center at West Augustine 650 Christopher Street, St. Augustine, FL 32086	<i>Tuesday</i> <i>March 2, 2010</i>	9:00am to 3:00pm	FREE
Public Health Mobile Center at Hastings Clinic 201 W. Lattin Street, Hastings, FL 32145	<i>Monday 3/1/2010</i> ~ <i>Wednesday 3/3/2010</i>	9:00am to 3:00pm	FREE

Seasonal Flu Vaccine for school age children is also offered, free of charge, Monday through Thursday from 9am to 4pm, while supplies last. Please note that the clinic is closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm.

To date, approximately 38,000 doses of the 2009 H1N1 Swine Flu vaccine have been made available by the St. Johns County Health Department to the community through Health

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Department clinics as well as through community partners. Additional allotments of vaccine are anticipated to arrive throughout the coming weeks.

-CURRENT SITUATION-

The Florida Department of Health/St. Johns County Health Department continues its enhanced surveillance and outreach to physicians, hospitals, and other health care professionals. The surveillance system is in full operation and consists of sentinel physicians reporting influenza activity, Florida Department of Health laboratories receiving specimens from physicians and hospitals, and the monitoring of emergency room cases. The Florida Department of Health/St. Johns County Health Department has activated its response plan and is responding, as needed.

The Health Department continues to work with St. Johns County Administration, the Sheriff's Office, County Emergency Management, Fire Rescue, the School District, and Flagler Hospital to ensure that our community is well prepared.

-PRECAUTIONS-

Dr. Dawn Allcock, Director of the St. Johns County Health Department, offers the following tips for keeping healthy and safe during the coming months:

- Travel only when you are feeling well.
- Wash your hands often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- Get vaccinated for both seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 Swine Flu.

By practicing these healthy habits, as well as getting vaccinated against H1N1 and seasonal influenza, you can help continue our progress in fighting this flu and the potential for a future wave of infections.

For more information, please visit call 904-825-5055 or visit the St. Johns County Health Department website (www.StJohnsCHD.org). Additional information can be accessed through the Florida Flu Information Line (1-877-352-3581), the Florida Department of Health website (www.MyFluSafety.com), and the CDC's website (www.cdc.gov).

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