

As the increase of influenza disease looms through influenza season, which includes the month of February and through March Spring Break travels, the Jefferson County Health Department will be holding three evening "Flu Vaccination Clinics" from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on February 16, February 23, and March 2, 2010 at the Health Department office in Oskaloosa.

H1N1 and Seasonal Vaccine will be available for all persons over 6 months of age. H1N1 vaccination is free.

Seasonal Vaccination cost can be submitted to Medicare for those who provide documentation of Medicare Part B coverage; to Healthwave and to Medicaid for children under 19 years of age; and is also provided for children qualifying for federal vaccination programs. The cost of the Seasonal Influenza vaccination for all other individuals is \$25.

The last week of January found more Kansans in the hospital with influenza and pneumonia, especially children. The viruses are circulating among those without immunity. It was following Spring Break travels in 2009 that the nation experienced the beginning of large outbreaks of H1N1 disease, that has continued to circulate through the nation in waves since that time. The most recent announced death of a Kansan with H1N1 disease was last week.

The Health Department will continue to offer H1N1 vaccine during all regular Tuesday and Friday clinics at the department, the monthly Community Health Clinics throughout the county in February and March, as well as at the Lakeside Village Health Clinic February 24, 2010 and March 31, 2010 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Those with further questions may call the Department at 785-863-2447.

Individuals may also receive the H1N1 vaccine through the following participating county providers:

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| FW Huston Medical Clinic—Winchester | Valley Falls Medical Clinic—Valley Falls |
| McLouth Medical Clinic—McLouth | Winchester Medical Clinic—Winchester |

This would be the time to be sure your loved one working or residing in a long term care facility has received the vaccine protection available for Seasonal and H1N1 Influenza. And, that your child under 10 years of age has received both doses of the H1N1 vaccine.