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Catawba County Public Health Announces Seasonal Flu Vaccination Clinics at Schools

Catawba County Public Health will be offering seasonal flu vaccine for children in grades K-12 on Saturday, November 21st from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. The vaccination clinics will be held at Bandy's High School Cafeteria and at the St. Stephens High School Cafeteria while supplies last. No appointment is necessary. The H1N1 vaccine will be offered if available. Both vaccines will be provided free of charge.

Since October, Catawba County Public Health has administered over 1,500 doses of the seasonal flu vaccine to school age children.

Seasonal flu vaccine and H1N1 vaccine is available at various locations throughout the county. Residents are encouraged to call their local medical provider and pharmacy for information related to vaccine availability. At this time, Catawba County Public Health is taking appointments for H1N1 nasal spray vaccine for children ages 2 through 24, anyone who lives with or cares for children less than 6 months of age as well as healthcare personnel age 49 and under. Preservative free injectable H1N1 vaccine is available only to children 6 to 35 months of age.

For more information on the H1N1 vaccine or to make an appointment, please call Catawba County Public Health at 828-695-5800 or visit www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth.

More information can be found on the North Carolina Division of Public Health website at:
<http://www.immunizenc.com/VISs.htm>.

Preservative-free injectable vaccine is available for children ages 6 months to 3 years of age. Children ages 9 and under will need a second booster dose of the vaccine 21 to 28 days after their first dose.

The H1N1 nasal spray vaccine is approved for healthy people ages 2 through 49 who are not pregnant. This form of the vaccine contains live virus that is weakened so it will not cause illness.

Children younger than 2 and adults 50 years and older, pregnant women, and anyone with a weakened immune system and long-term health problems such as heart disease, lung disease or asthma should not get the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine.

The H1N1 injectable vaccine is approved for pregnant women, and healthy people starting at 6 months of age. People who have a life threatening allergy to eggs, have ever had a life threatening allergic reaction to the seasonal flu shot, or have ever had Guillain-Barré syndrome should not take the H1N1 injectable vaccine.



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