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Dickinson-Iron District Health Department Offers Free Adult Vaccines

Kingsford, Michigan, February 22, 2010 – The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department (DIDHD) is pleased to announce the expansion of our adult vaccine program for those adults who are un-insured or under-insured. Through the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act (ARRA) the State of Michigan is able to offer Local Health Departments 4 vaccines for these adults who also meet the criteria listed below. The goal of this funding is to increase vaccine coverage in adults over 18 years old whose insurance does not cover these vaccines and who cannot afford to purchase it.

- Zoster (Shingles) – 60-64 years of age; 65 years and older, if not enrolled on Medicare Part D.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – women and men 19-26 years of age
- Varicella (Chickenpox) – born in or after 1980 with no prior documentation of vaccination or evidence of immunity.
- Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23) – high risk conditions per ACIP (includes smoking)

In addition, the DIDHD continues to provide the following vaccines through the Michigan Vaccine Replacement Program (MI-VRP) to un-insured or under-insured adults.

- Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td) – 10 year booster
- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis – Persons with close contact to an infant younger than 12 months or healthcare worker with direct patient care.
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) – born after 1/1/57 and persons at high risk.
- Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B – persons in high risk group.

All of these vaccines are free. However, an administration fee of \$13 will be charged for each vaccine. For an appointment or for more information about the eligibility criteria, please call the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department at (906) 774-1868 or (906) 265-9913.

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