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Dickinson-Iron District Health Department Planning a Mass Vaccination Clinic Exercise

Kingsford, Michigan – September 27, 2007. The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department is currently working with Florence County Health Department, Dickinson County Healthcare and the VA Medical Center to plan a mass vaccination clinic exercise. The purpose of the clinic is to exercise and test the health department's ability to organize a clinic to vaccinate a large number of residents in a short time period using the seasonal influenza vaccine. Additional exercise objectives include:

- ✓ Evaluating the coordination between the border health departments, community partners and volunteers to vaccinate the public during an emergency involving a communicable disease.
- ✓ Disseminating health information to the public via risk communication protocols
- ✓ Testing redundant systems of communication with community partners

The clinic is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at the Kingsford Middle School, 431 Hamilton Avenue, Kingsford. To ensure that there is an adequate supply of the vaccine, the health department will be scheduling appointments starting October 11th. Please call 906-779-7207 to make an appointment. WI residents are welcome to receive their vaccination at the clinic.

Additional detailed information will be released in the near future. If you have questions, please contact Sheila McNulty, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, at 906-779-7205 or at samcnulty@hline.org.