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Health Department Offers Additional Community Flu Clinics

Kingsford, Michigan – October 15, 2010. The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department will be conducting community flu clinics at the locations listed below. **Please call (906) 774-1868 or (906) 265-4150 to schedule an appointment.**

- Wednesday, November 3rd – 2:30-5:00 p.m. – North Dickinson School
- Wednesday, November 3rd – 1:00-1:30 p.m. – Sagola Senior Center
- Thursday, November 4th – 2:30-5:00 p.m. – West Iron County School
- Monday, November 8th – 2:30-1:30 – Crystal Falls Senior Center
- Tuesday, November 9th – 2:30-5:00 p.m. – Norway School
- Wednesday, November 10th – 2:30-5:00 p.m. – Forest Park School

Health officials state it is very important to receive the flu vaccine. Flu is a contagious disease. It is caused by the influenza virus, which can be spread by coughing, sneezing, or nasal secretions. The 2010-2011 flu vaccine will protect against three different flu viruses which includes the H1N1 virus that caused so much illness last season.

The pneumococcal immunization will also be available. Anyone can get pneumococcal disease. However, some people are at greater risk from the disease. These include smokers, people 65 and older and people with special health problems such as alcoholism, heart or lung disease, kidney failure, diabetes, HIV infection or certain types of cancer.

These vaccines will be billed to Medicare part B, Michigan Medicaid and private health insurance.

For children who do not have health insurance coverage for immunizations, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides flu vaccine for children and adolescents age 6 months through 18 years. There is a \$13 administration fee for this vaccine.

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New this year, the health department has received flu and pneumococcal vaccine through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program for adults that do not have insurance coverage for immunizations. There is only a \$13 administration fee for each vaccine.

Additional information about influenza is available through the Health Department's web site at www.didhd.org.

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