



# Wood County

## WISCONSIN

HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parents:

Due to the temporary delay in H1N1 vaccine shipment, the state has decided to narrow the target groups to vaccinate those most vulnerable first. Unfortunately, this adjustment no longer includes all school-aged children. The health department conducted a survey with all schools and based on the results, decided to cancel the school-based clinics. Instead we will offer community clinics after school hours in each school district.

This decision was not made lightly. Several factors were considered including returned consent forms not reflecting that students may already be vaccinated, the benefit of having parents present during the vaccination process, and the need for the quickest, most accessible method for providing the H1N1 vaccine to the community.

We will be holding these community clinics once the target groups are expanded. Currently, health department is holding public clinics in both Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield to reach:

- Persons aged 5 through 18 years who have health conditions that put them at higher risk of medical complications from flu
- Children ages 6 months through 4 years
- Caregivers of children under 6 months
- Pregnant women
- Health care workers with direct patient contact

Eventually we will have plenty of vaccine for anyone who wants it. When we are able to begin community-based clinics, we will announce that widely throughout the community. You can also check our website at [www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/health/](http://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/health/) or call 2-1-1 for H1N1 vaccine clinic information and schedules.

Sincerely,

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