

Did you know that in Okaloosa County deaths due to influenza and pneumonia was the 7th leading cause of death in 2008? Did you know that if we compare our rates of death due to influenza and pneumonia in 2008 to the rest of the state on a scale of A (*the lowest rates of death*) to D (*the highest rates of death*), that Okaloosa County would get a C? And that Okaloosa County got a C for influenza and pneumonia deaths in 2007 too!?

Let's not let the H1N1 flu get another hold on Okaloosa County as it did last fall. **The H1N1 flu is not over.** H1N1 flu virus is the dominant flu virus circulating this flu season, even now. During this lull in H1N1 flu activity, we are afforded a golden opportunity to prevent future cases of H1N1 flu. History tells us that a third wave of flu cases is likely. Pandemics of influenza don't always follow the typical flu season of January - April. Let's protect our friends, families, and our community! Even if you think you had the H1N1 flu, the vaccine is recommended. Support promoting and protecting our community health and get your H1N1 flu vaccine.

To promote H1N1 vaccination, the Okaloosa County Health Department is **offering mobile vaccination clinic services for the H1N1 Influenza Vaccine through February 26, 2010.** The service is at **no charge** and is open to **employers, churches, schools/colleges, city or county offices, community groups, any group, who can identify at least 10 people wanting vaccination.** We can vaccinate anyone 6 months of age or older. A medical screening will be done to assure the individual can receive the vaccine. If you are interested, **we will work with you to arrange a suitable day, time, and location for this event.** All we ask is to have at least 3 days notice. Please feel free to share this email with any groups who might benefit from this on-site H1N1 flu vaccination service. Please call 850-833-9240 and dial either x2304 (Elaine) or x2149 (Kellie) or x2381 (Linda).

It's Not Too Late To Vaccinate!

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