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Exercise Tests Emergency Dispensing of Medications, Vaccines

Free Flu Shots for Attendees

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO -- Practice for quick and effective distribution of medications and vaccines gets underway at six locations throughout Hamilton County. The public can participate in Hamilton County Public Health's annual POD (point of dispensing) exercise Saturday, October 29, 2011, 9 – 11 a.m., at locations listed below.

“This important exercise allows us to test and make sure our vital system of dispensing is efficient, effective and ready for any potential need,” according to Dave Nutini, coordinator of emergency preparedness at Hamilton County Public Health. “We need lots of people to test the system, so this year, we’ve made flu vaccines available at locations that will be administered free-of-charge to those attending the exercise.”

Individuals who simply show up during drill hours are already testing the system by coming through to receive vaccines, Nutini says. “Flu vaccines will be at all locations and will be available while supplies last.”

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“PODs are centralized locations used during incidents like terrorism or pandemic disease,” Nutini continues. “If we need to dispense medication or vaccines to the public on short notice, we have this POD structure in place to provide access to the community from a variety of familiar, convenient locations.”

Testing the system on a regular basis is important to keep all of the moving parts working. “The system is available to jump into action at a moment’s notice,” Nutini says. “Regular practice allows us all to stay current and work any bugs through the system.”

For more information, call 513-946-7874, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Following are locations for the POD exercise and free flu shots (while supplies last):

Matthew 25 Ministries
11060 Kenwood Rd.
Blue Ash, OH 45242

Cheviot School
4040 Harrison Ave.
Cheviot, OH 45211

Living World Fellowship
9781 Fields-Ertel Rd.
Loveland, OH 45240

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High
School
4615 Tower Ave.
St. Bernard, OH 45217

Village of Golf Manor Municipal
Building
6450 Wiehe Rd.
Golf Manor, OH 45237

Lifespring Christian Church
1373 W. Galbraith Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45231

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