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### **For Immediate Release**

### **National Influenza Immunization Week January 11, 2010**

LICKING COUNTY, OHIO – The week of January 10 through January 16 has been deemed National Influenza Immunization Week. As we have seen with the H1N1 pandemic, influenza can be unpredictable. The best way to avoid the flu is to be vaccinated against the virus.

“I strongly urge all citizens to become vaccinated against the virus.” said Joe Ebel, Licking County Health Commissioner. “Although H1N1 activity is slowing, we are only approaching the traditional flu season. Becoming vaccinated is the best way to not only avoid being sick, but also to prevent the spread of the disease.” Ebel continued. “Our department will continue to hold H1N1 clinics, and we hope to protect as many individuals as possible against the virus.”

The Licking County Health Department has administered almost 18,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine since it began its vaccination program in October. There is no charge for the vaccine, and the clinics are open to anyone that wishes to be vaccinated.

The Health Department’s H1N1 clinic schedule for this week is as follows:

- Wednesday January 13, 2010, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
at Licking County Health Department 675 Price Road Newark, Ohio
- Friday January 15, 2010, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
at Licking County Health Department 675 Price Road Newark, Ohio

Children under the age of 10 in need of an H1N1 booster are eligible to be vaccinated at each clinic, as long as it has been a minimum of 28 days since the child received its first H1N1 vaccine.

Additional clinics will continue to be scheduled on a weekly basis. For updated clinic information please visit [www.lickingcohealth.org](http://www.lickingcohealth.org).

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