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### **News Release**

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## **Weekend H1N1 Vaccine Clinic in the Peninsula Health District**

**Newport News, Va., November 18, 2009** – The Peninsula Health District, Virginia Department of Health, announces a weekend H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, November 21, at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive, Newport News. Vaccine administration will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 1:00 PM.

### **Who should attend this Weekend Clinic to receive the H1N1 influenza vaccine?**

- **Adults age 25 to 64 years old with chronic health conditions that put them at higher risk for hospitalization and complications if they get influenza.**
- **Adults who are parents, household members or regular caregivers of an infant less than 6 months of age.**
- **Pregnant women.**
- **Young adults 18 to 24 years old.**

"This is a special effort to reach adults who are in the priority groups for H1N1 vaccine," said health director Dr. David Trump. "This clinic is designed to make it easier for working adults, who cannot come to the health department or one of the school-based community clinics, to receive the vaccine."

Vaccine for young children will not be available at this clinic. "Healthy persons age 25-64 years of age are not a priority group for vaccine at this time," said Dr. Trump, "and the only people 65 and older who should get the vaccine are those who are healthcare workers in direct patient care or those who live with or are regular caregivers for an infant less than 6 months of age."

For additional information on vaccine availability, call the Peninsula Health Center at (757) 594-7069 Monday-Friday, 8-12 and 1-5.

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