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January 11th – January 15th is National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW)

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HUNTINGTON, WV- National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) kicks off Monday January 11th across West Virginia and the Cabell-Huntington Health Department will be participating in the celebration by offering H1N1 vaccination to everyone at their regular immunization clinics on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 AM -11:00 AM or 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. To help accommodate those individuals who can not make those clinics the health department holds late immunization clinics on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. For the month of January, these clinics fall on **Monday, January 11th and Monday January 25th**. These clinics are from **4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**. No appointment is necessary and H1N1 vaccine is plentiful for these clinics.

At the present time, the Cabell-Huntington Health Department is still out of **adult seasonal flu vaccine**. If we are able to get more vaccine we will notify the general public and resume on our scheduled seasonal flu clinics. The health department **still has seasonal vaccine** for children under the age of 3 and flu mist for healthy children ages 2-18 years of age.

National Influenza Vaccination Week is a national observance that was established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination, as well as foster greater use of the flu vaccine after the holiday season into January and beyond. Seasonal flu typically peaks in February-March across West Virginia. H1N1 is still circulating at this time.

National Influenza Vaccination Week is normally held in December, but was pushed back because many of the mass H1N1 clinics were underway at that time.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and the ones you love. It is important to remember that children 9 years and younger that received H1N1 vaccine need two doses to be fully protected.

More information is available on the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources H1N1 website at www.wvflu.org. Local residents may find useful information there as well as on our website at www.cabellhealth.org or call (304) 523-6483.