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## HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT

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### For Immediate Release

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Over **25,000** Chatham-Kent residents have been immunized against the H1N1 pandemic flu virus.

### Have you had your shot yet?

Chatham-Kent Public Health is urging all residents to attend an immunization clinic and be immunized against the H1N1 Flu Virus. Let's make Chatham-Kent the highest immunized community in Southwestern Ontario!

At this time, Chatham-Kent Public Health is pleased to announce three additional H1N1 immunization clinics for the coming week.

**Saturday November 28 in Wallaceburg, First Baptist Church 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Tuesday December 1 in Chatham, WISH Centre 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Saturday December 5 in Chatham, St. Paul's Congregational Church 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

As a reminder to parents, children between 6 months and 3 years of age, and children between 3 and 9 years of age with underlying medical conditions, require two half doses of H1N1 vaccine at least 21 days apart. Healthy children over 3 years of age require only one half dose of vaccine.

H1N1 Flu Vaccine is free of charge. Wait times at recent clinics have ranged from 15 to 45 minutes; just a small amount of time in your day to protect yourself and your family. While the incidence of influenza like illness appears to be stabilizing, it continues to be above what

normally occurs during a regular flu season. Chatham-Kent Public Health reminds everyone that flu season lasts well into the new year. It is important for everyone who can be immunized, be immunized now.

Clinics are open today in Merlin at the Merlin Community Hall and in Bothwell at the Bothwell Baptist Church. Both clinics run until 7:00 pm.

Other scheduled H1N1 Clinics include:

Thursday November 26, Rudy Brown Building, Ridgetown College, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Tuesday December 8, First Baptist Church, Wallaceburg, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday December 10, St. Mary's Hall, Blenheim, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Friday December 11, Lambton Kent Memorial Arena, Dresden, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday December 15, WISH Centre, Chatham, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday December 17, Tilbury Arena, Ryder Hall, Tilbury, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday December 17, Royal Canadian Legion, Ridgetown, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

For further H1N1 Flu and Immunization information, contact the Chatham-Kent Public Health Unit Flu Hotline at 519-352-7270 ext 2800 or visit <http://www.chatham-kent.ca>.

Protect yourself and your family this flu season; attend a community clinic and be immunized.