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**WILKES-BARRE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO OFFER H1N1  
FLU CLINIC TO LUZERNE COUNTY RESIDENTS; SEEKS  
VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH VACCINATIONS**

**WILKES-BARRE** – The Wilkes-Barre City Health Department will partner with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to bring a free H1N1 (“swine flu”) mass immunization clinic to all Luzerne County residents.

The clinic will take place January 8 & 9, 2010, at the Kingston Armory, located at 280 Market Street, Kingston. Vaccinations are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and individuals must schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine. Children 6 months to 9 years of age are also able to receive a second dose of the vaccine, provided their first dose was at least 28 days prior to the clinic dates.

Center for Disease Control officials highly recommend receiving the H1N1 vaccine, as a third wave of influenza-like illnesses is expected over the next few months. The vaccines are federally funded by the CDC, and are being offered free of charge to all residents of Luzerne County.

To register to receive the vaccine, please follow the following steps:

1. Visit the City of Wilkes-Barre’s website at [www.wilkes-barre.pa.us](http://www.wilkes-barre.pa.us), and click on the “H1N1 Information” link under “Wilkes-Barre News”.
2. Click on the “Registration” link to enter the information for each individual receiving the vaccine.
3. Be sure to select “Kingston Armory” when choosing a location.
4. Select a vaccine appointment time slot.
5. Return to the main “H1N1” information page, and click on the “Consent Form” link to print and complete a form for each individual receiving the vaccine.

Individuals without computer access should call 1.877.PAHEALTH (1.877.724.3258) to register for a vaccination appointment time slot prior to the clinic. Consent forms will also be available day-of for those without computer access who have pre-registered.

The City Health Department is also seeking Nurse Practitioners, LPNs, and RNs to assist with administering the vaccinations. Those with any of these designations are asked to register to volunteer through the City of Wilkes-Barre's website at [www.wilkes-barre.pa.us](http://www.wilkes-barre.pa.us) by clicking on the "H1N1 Information" link under "Wilkes-Barre News", then clicking on the "Volunteer Site" link and completing the questionnaire.

"The Wilkes-Barre City Health Department is proud to partner with the Pennsylvania Department of Health in order to supply the residents of Luzerne County with the H1N1 vaccine," said Mayor Thomas M. Leighton. "The upcoming mass immunization clinic will help make Luzerne County a healthier place to be."

For more information, please contact the Wilkes-Barre City Health Department at 570.208.4268.

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