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Summit County, Ohio – The Summit County Health District will schedule appointments for FREE H1N1 vaccination by calling 330-926-5700. The Akron Health Department will be taking appointments for FREE H1N1 vaccinations for all individuals through their Adult Clinic at Morley Health Center- people may call the Adult Clinic at 330-375-2363 to schedule an appointment. The Barberton Health District will be giving FREE H1N1 vaccines during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm, by appointment. Please call 330-745-6869 to make an appointment. If you would like to pre-register for the vaccine visit www.summitflu.org as this will decrease the amount of forms you will need to complete at the clinic.

The vaccine is now available to all Ohioans. It is important to note that the H1N1 vaccine is considered to be very safe—just like the seasonal flu vaccine. In fact, had H1N1 emerged earlier than it did, it's likely that the H1N1 strain would simply have been included in the seasonal vaccine this year. The most common side effects from the vaccine are usually mild and, again, are the same as the seasonal vaccine: soreness at the injection site, headache, muscle aches, fever, nausea and fainting (mainly adolescents). If these problems occur, they usually begin soon after the vaccine and last 1-2 days. Life threatening allergic reactions to the vaccine is extremely rare. If they do occur, it is usually within a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccine is given. In Summit County, anyone who has an allergic reaction (shortness of breath, wheezing, hives, swelling, fainting) should contact 911 to be seen at an emergency department. For less serious symptoms, side effects or reactions, a person should call his/her physician or call the Akron Health Department Flu Hotline at 330-375-2876 and select option "3" to leave a message with his/her name and telephone number and a public health nurse will return the call and gather the necessary information.

The Summit County health departments are encouraging parents and guardians of children ages 6 months to 9 years who received an H1N1 vaccination to get these children a booster vaccination. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that children under 10 years of age receive an H1N1 booster vaccination 28 days after the initial vaccination. Listed below are the upcoming H1N1 vaccination clinics in Summit County.

January H1N1 Free Vaccination Clinics

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Macedonia Family Recreation Center 1494 East Aurora Road Macedonia, 44056 3pm-6pm	7	8	9
10	11 Village of Richfield Senior Center 4410 West Streetsboro Road Richfield 44286 10am-1pm	12 Stow-Munroe Falls Library 3512 Darrow Road Stow 44224 3pm-6pm	13 Norton Community Center 4060 Columbia Woods Drive Norton, Ohio 44203 3pm-6pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 Interval Brotherhood Home 3445 South Main Street Akron 44319 (Educational Center, please use the Service Entrance) 3pm-6pm Firestone Park Community Center 1480 Girard St. Akron 44301 10:30am – 12:30pm	20 Manchester United Methodist Church 5625 Manchester Rd. Akron 44319 3pm-6pm Northwest Family Recreation Center 1730 Shatto Ave. Akron 44313 1pm – 4:30pm	21	22 The University of Akron- Quaker Station 135 South Broadway Akron 44325 9:30am-12:30pm	23
24	25	26 Kenmore Senior Community Center 880 Kenmore Blvd. Akron 44314 11am – 1pm	27 Ellet Community Center 2449 Wedgewood Dr. Akron 44312 10am – 12pm	28	29	30
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