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## **Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Update**

The Durham County Health Department (DCHD) began offering seasonal influenza vaccinations to both adults and children on September, 28, 2009 and has already depleted the first shipment of inactivated seasonal influenza vaccine for adults and children ages 3 years through 18 years. The second shipment is due to arrive any time between now and November 6<sup>th</sup>. The intranasal influenza vaccines for healthy, non-pregnant individuals ages 2 years through 49 years and injectable influenza vaccines for children under age 3 years are still available. Production delays have been caused by manufacturers producing H1N1 vaccine simultaneously with seasonal influenza vaccine. The DCHD will continue to offer the seasonal influenza vaccine that is in stock on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The DCHD is closed the first Wednesday afternoon of every month. Influenza vaccine is free to recipients of Medicare **Part B**; otherwise the fee is \$25.00 for adults.

State-supplied seasonal influenza vaccines are free for all children 6 months through 18 years of age regardless of insurance status and for any uninsured and non-Medicaid patient, regardless of age who will be pregnant during the influenza season, and who is being served by DCHD in any capacity.

For the latest information regarding DCHD vaccine availability and the influenza clinics, please call the DCHD Flu Shot Information Line at (919) 560-7378. For individual health related questions, please contact your primary health care provider.