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H1N1 Clinic Moved

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Due to a decrease in demand, the Miami County Health District has announced that it has closed the H1N1 clinic at the mall in Piqua. Free H1N1 vaccine will be available to everyone at the Health District's offices in Troy beginning Monday.

According to Health Commissioner Jim Luken, over 13,000 H1N1 vaccinations have been given in Miami County. "There's still a demand and there's still a need for people to get the vaccine – but the need for the mass clinic in Piqua just isn't there right now," Luken said. "The Piqua clinic did exactly what it was supposed to do – vaccinate a lot of people in a short amount of time. Everyone felt that it was a great success." The clinic located in the old Steve and Barry's store at the mall in Piqua handled thousands of people per day during peak operation.

The Health District will have walk-in H1N1 vaccination clinics all week from January 11 through January 15. Clinics will be open each day from 8am until 3:30pm with a break for lunch and restocking from 11:30am until 1pm. H1N1 vaccine will also be given to kids during the Children's Immunization Clinic on January 14 from 4pm until 6:30pm. More H1N1 clinics will be scheduled after January 15.

Next week kicks off National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW). NIVW is a national observance that was established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination, as well as fostering greater use of flu vaccine after the holiday season into January and beyond.

Luken cautions people not to become numb to H1N1 news. "You hear the same message over and over – to come get your H1N1 vaccine. But people keep putting it off. People are still getting sick and some are dying." The flu season usually runs through March and has several peaks in the number of cases. "We have three more months of flu season ahead. This is still the perfect time to get the vaccine," said Luken.

The Health District is located in the Hobart Center for County Government at 510 West Water Street in Troy. For more information about the H1N1 flu and to register for the vaccine, visit the Health District's website at www.miamicountyhealth.net or call 440-8105.