

# PORTAGE COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

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### Numbers for first Portage County high risk clinic reach nearly 1,400

In the first hour of Saturday's clinic, over 400 people walked through the Ravenna Elks Lodge entrance. Between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Saturday November 14, close to 1400 people were vaccinated against the H1N1 flu. People filled out the necessary paperwork while waiting in line. The longest wait time was about one hour and fifteen minutes.

Official breakdown:

1389 total  
Nasal 500  
Injection 614  
Pediatrics 275

The next high-risk clinic is scheduled for Saturday November 21, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Kent State Field House, located at 2213 Summit Street, Kent, Ohio 44240.

Health officials would like to emphasize the high-risk clinic is for the following groups:

- Pregnant women
- Caretakers and household contacts of infants under 6 months old
- People 6 months old to 24 years old
- People 64 years old and younger who have chronic health conditions
- Health care and EMS with direct patient contact

More high-risk clinics will be scheduled as vaccine becomes available.

### *Special Thanks to the Elks*

The Portage County local health departments would like to especially thank the Ravenna Elks for donating their beautiful hall for our clinic. "We are very grateful to have these community leaders who are willing to lend a helping hand," said DuWayne Porter, Portage County Health Commissioner.

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