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### **Portage County administers H1N1 vaccine at area schools; two-week total over 2000**

This week Portage County Local Health Departments continued administering the H1N1 flu shot at area schools. The school-based H1N1 vaccination plan is to start with the smallest district and move into the larger districts. This process should best compliment vaccine shipments as they grow in numbers.

**Waterloo Local School District:** 464 vaccines

**Garfield School District:** 555 vaccines

**Maplewood Career Center:** 230 vaccines

More school-based H1N1 flu shot clinics are set for next week in Portage County, however they are subject to change based on vaccine availability. Within two weeks, the total school-based H1N1 vaccine administered to date is 2093.

#### *School-based clinics and risk groups*

Children are among the part of the population at increased risk for severe complications from H1N1 flu. Holding school-based clinics is a way to reach this group quickly and affordably. The H1N1 flu shot through the school is free. Children with underlying health conditions, such as asthma, are at an even greater risk of having severe complications from H1N1 flu. Portage County Medical Director Angela DeJulius added, "Because vaccine continues to be limited, the best option for parents right now is to take advantage of the school-based clinic."

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