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Health Department to Conduct Mass Dispensing Exercise

The New York State Department of Health has provided the Columbia County Health Department with 300 doses of Flu Vaccine to be used to test the capacity of the Health Department staff in practicing a mass prophylaxis/medical supplies management and distribution, also known as Point of Dispensing or POD. As a requirement to receive this free flu vaccine the Columbia County Health Department has identified priority groups to be part of the distribution. Persons age 19 and older residing in Columbia County who may be Uninsured or Underinsured or experiencing financial hardship and cannot pay for a flu shot will be the target group. The clinic for this identified group will be held in the Hudson Jr. /Sr. High School cafeteria on December 9, 2010 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. To improve accuracy, and decrease wait time, the Health Department will be trying a new secure electronic data entry format. Individuals who will be coming for their shot are asked to please bring their driver's license or other ID. The Hudson City Shuttle bus will be available to transport individuals within the city and will be making stops at Front and Warren Street (Washington Hose Firehouse); Providence Hall; and Crosswinds approximately every 20 minutes for the duration of the clinic. Spanish and Bengali interpreters will be available at the clinic also. For further information please call 828-3358.