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**HARTFORD MARKS THE NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK**  
**H1N1 Vaccination Encouraged for Everyone**

**NEWS AND COMMUNITY RELEASE**

(January 11, 2010)--- The City of Hartford Department of Health and Human Services joins the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in marking this week as **National Influenza Vaccination Week**.

CDC recommends influenza vaccination as the first and most important step in protecting against the flu. The week of January 10-16, 2010 marks this season's National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW), a national observance to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination beyond the holiday season. Because supplies of the 2009 H1N1 vaccines have increased dramatically, CDC is now encouraging everyone who has been patiently waiting to receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine to get vaccinated at this time.

Historically, pandemics occur in waves. The first wave of the 2009 H1N1 pandemic began in April 2009 and peaked in June 2009. The second wave peaked in the Fall of 2009. Connecticut, in particular the capital region, was hit hard by this second wave. A strong vaccination effort is our best defense against a possible third wave.

“The vaccine against the 2009 H1N1 virus is available to everyone. The more people who get vaccinated, the better we can protect the entire community,” stated Carlos Rivera, Director of the Hartford Department of Health and Human Services.

As a reminder, the City of Hartford is offering the following vaccination clinics for the general public. Vaccinations are available for all ages, at no cost. No appointment is necessary.

“Please join me in promoting this service to our city. Vaccination is our best defense,, stated Mayor Eddie A. Perez.

<b>2009 H1N1 VACCINATION CLINICS</b>		
Tuesday, January 12	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>Parker Memorial Center</b> 2621 Main Street
Wednesday, January 13	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>Pope Park Center</b> 30 Pope Park Drive
Tuesday, January 19	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>Metzner Center</b> 680 Franklin Avenue

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