

NEWS BRIEFS

Flu clinic to be held

The Charlotte County Health Department has scheduled its first public H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination clinic. The clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. The H1N1 nasal spray will be used at this clinic. This nasal spray is available for all healthy persons from ages 2 through 49, who are not pregnant. Additionally, injectable vaccines will be available for pregnant women, health care and emergency medical services personnel, and people ages 6 months to 64 years who have health conditions associated with a higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

There will be an individualized screening process to determine the appropriate vaccine for each person, and clients are encouraged to visit the Web site and review the vaccine information sheets, and print their completed H1N1 consent form in order to expedite their clinic visit.

Visit www.CharlotteCHD.com to view clinic schedules, sign up for H1N1 vaccine clinic e-mail updates, or call Charlotte 211 and be connected to the local H1N1 vaccine clinic information hotline.