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www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm#guidancedocs

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Stop the Flu: Don't Go Back to School Without A Shot

- **BFHD has H1N1 Vaccine Available ~ no waiting for vacationing school kids and college students**
- **H1N1 Vaccination Clinics will be held December 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th**
- **Call (509) 460-4510 to schedule an appointment.**
- **Shots are free.**

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School's out, appointments are available, and the shots are free. It's a perfect time to get school kids and college students vaccinated against H1N1 (swine flu). **The Benton-Franklin Health District is taking appointments for H1N1 vaccination on December 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th, between 9:00 am and 11:30 am, and 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Appointments can be made by calling (509) 460-4510.** H1N1 vaccination clinics are being held at the Kennewick Office, 7102 West Okanogan Place. **Vaccination is free.**

"We want to take advantage of kids being available and get them immunized," said Dr. Larry Jecha, Benton-Franklin Health District Health Officer. "We're not seeing many new cases of H1N1 right now, but people are still getting sick. School kids and college students have a higher chance of serious illness from the H1N1 virus, even if they don't have other health issues."

The recent icy weather has resulted in some rescheduling of appointments, but about 300 people a day have been vaccinated at the Health District since the clinics began last week. More appointments are being added based on community demand, vaccine availability, and the Health District's desire that as many people as possible be vaccinated.

Vaccine has been distributed to 123 partner sites, including physician offices, community health centers, and pharmacies.

For more information, check the BFHD website at www.bfhd.wa.gov.

H1N1 Vaccination Appointments:	Call (509) 460-4510
Seasonal Flu Vaccination Appointments:	Call (509) 460-4200
<i>Both vaccinations can be given at the same appointment at the Kennewick Office.</i>	