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### **Public Health Officials continue to encourage H1N1 flu vaccination.**

NC Public Health Officials recently announced that H1N1 flu cases have decreased since the fall of 2009. However, the threat of H1N1 flu is not over. NC and Iredell County Public Health officials encourage citizens to get their H1N1 vaccine.

State Health Director Jeff Engel said, "We continue to see hundreds of people hospitalized each week with flu-related complications. The vaccine is safe and effective in preventing the flu. With plenty of vaccine on hand, there is no reason for North Carolinians to fall victim to H1N1."

The Iredell County Health Department is offering H1N1 flu vaccine to the public at no charge. To make an appointment, call the Iredell County Health Department at 704-878-5300. Limited walk-in appointments are also available.

It is important for anyone 6 months and older to protect themselves against H1N1 flu by getting vaccinated. Two doses of the H1N1 vaccine administered 30 days apart is recommended for children 6 months through 9 years of age.

For more information on H1N1, including the latest statistics on flu incidence rates, visit [www.flu.nc.gov](http://www.flu.nc.gov).

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