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**LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS REMIND RESIDENTS
THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST THE FLU**

Berkshire County – It's Not Too Late to Vaccinate! The likelihood of a future wave of 2009 H1N1 influenza is unknown, but we do know that vaccination is the single best way to reduce the health impact of influenza. Over 5500 Berkshire residents have taken advantage of the open public H1N1 clinics now being offered throughout the county.

All H1N1 vaccinations will be provided at the listed clinics free of charge to all county residents on a first-come, first-serve basis. Residents are asked to wear loose clothing and bring their vaccination cards if they have one. The schedule of clinics can be found at Mass211, <http://flu.masspro.org/clinic> or www.bcboha.org.

Forms can be downloaded at www.townofgb.org or www.pittsfield.com

CLINICS SCHEDULED:

February 1, 2010 PM	Great Barrington Fire Station	Noon - 6:00
February 2, 2010 PM	BCC, Pittsfield, Melville #204, 206	3:00 PM – 6:00
February 4, 2010	BCC, Pittsfield, Melville # 204, 206	9:00 AM -1:00 PM
February 6, 2010 PM	BMC Hillcrest Campus, Pittsfield	10:00 AM – 2:00
February 13, 2010 PM	Hinsdale Town Hall Community Room	9:00 AM – 12:00
February 17, 2010	VNA/Hospice of N.B., Curran Highway, N.Adams	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
February 24, 2010	VNA/Hospice of NB, Curran Highway, N.Adams	3:00 PM – 6:00

While free public clinics are expected to end in February, H1N1 vaccine will still be available from medical providers.

For more information on local vaccination clinics, please contact:

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