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# NEWS RELEASE

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## County Establishes H1N1 'Hotline'

*"Clinic Schedules, Flu Info Updated"*

Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr. today announced that the Health Department has established an H1N1 Flu 'Hotline' to provide Oneida County residents up-to-date information on scheduled immunization clinics and the H1N1 influenza.

Callers can access the information by dialing **798-3600** anytime 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. The hot line was set up in response to the heavy volume of calls and inquiries to the Health Clinic and other Health Department offices, Health Department officials said.

As information changes, the recorded messages on the hot line will be updated. The number can be found by going to the Oneida County Health Department web site at [www.ocgov.net](http://www.ocgov.net) and then clicking on 'Health' department.

*"We want the public to have ready and easy access to the latest information on the H1N1 flu as well as the eligibility and availability of vaccine,"* Picente said. He added, *"The 'hotline' can provide this after regular business hours, weekends and holidays."*

As vaccine becomes more plentiful, additional public clinics will be scheduled and the current restrictions on who can get the vaccine will be eased, according to Picente. *"Eventually, everyone in Oneida County who wants the H1N1 vaccine will be afforded its protection."*

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