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**Richmond City Health District and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College School of Nursing and Allied Health are partnering to conduct H1N1 vaccination on Reynolds' college campuses**

(Richmond, VA) – The Richmond City Health District and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College School of Nursing and Allied Health are working together to provide H1N1 vaccination to the student population on J. Sargeant Reynolds Downtown and Parham Road campuses this **Wednesday, December 9, 12 noon to 4 p.m.**

Vaccination clinics will be conducted in the lobby on the Downtown Campus and around the atrium balcony in Burnette Hall on the Parham Road Campus.

College students are among the priority group considered to be most at risk for contracting H1N1 (swine flu), but due to vaccine shortages, efforts by local health departments to make the vaccine available to all of the targeted priority groups have slowed. Public health departments have focused on vaccinating younger students in elementary schools and then working up to older students.

Now that vaccine shipments are being received more frequently and in greater quantity, the Richmond Health District is making a push to vaccinate priority groups at local schools before the upcoming school winter-break holiday. Partnering with the School of Nursing and Allied Nursing to conduct vaccination on J. Sargeant Reynolds campuses is a great way to help accomplish this goal. The Richmond Health District is providing the vaccine, and the School of Nursing is conducting on-campus vaccination clinics.

Richmond Health District Director, Dr. Donald Stern and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Coordinator of Nursing Programs, Nancy O'Donnell have worked on arrangements to clear the way for a partnership agreement since October, but didn't expect to have vaccine available for J. Sargeant Reynolds campus vaccination until January. However, now that the Richmond Health District has obtained vaccine, they decided to conduct clinics right away. Ms. O'Donnell says she's expecting a big turnout on Wednesday.

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