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INDIANA HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE H1N1 FLU VACCINATIONS AT EVV

EVANSVILLE, IN – JANUARY 28, 2010. The Evansville Regional Airport (EVV), in partnership with the Indiana Health Department and the Vanderburgh County Health Department is offering no cost **H1N1** flu vaccinations for all passengers, employees and the general public in the main terminal. The vaccinations will be issued Tuesday thru Friday (February 2-5) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help reduce the effects of the H1N1 flu virus. All participants in the H1N1 clinic will receive one hour of free parking in the short term lot.

The vaccinations are an important part of protecting against the spread of influenza. Travelers are advised to check-in early to their flights to ensure proper time to receive the vaccination as well as to arrive to their gates on time. Individuals who have recently been ill within the past 24 hours are advised to not participate, unless first consulting with a physician. Children are encouraged to attend, although any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Also, if you are a parent or guardian of a child under the age of 9 it is advised for them to receive a booster for the H1N1 vaccination approximately one month after this vaccination.

People receiving the vaccinations should be advised that they will not prevent them from flu on their flight. The antibodies in vaccinations that provide protection can take up to two weeks to fully defend against the flu.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the over all visits to doctors and cumulative hospitalization has decreased over the past month. Although they fear this will not last while a recent majority of flu cases have been identified as the H1N1 strain. Anne Schuchat with the CDC said on Jan. 7, "The H1N1 virus is still circulating and we have an uncertain future. We need to avoid complacency."

The over all goal of the Airport is to allow for the community to relax knowing that they have taken the best measure to prevent the spread of H1N1. For more information about the vaccinations please contact Dianna Kissel by e-mail at dianna@evvairport.com or call her at 812-421-4401.

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