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BOARD OF HEALTH CALLS PARMA H1N1 VACCINATION CLINIC A GREAT SUCCESS

(PARMA) -- The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is labeling Sunday's H1N1 vaccination clinic in Parma a great success in planning and execution. An estimated 962 people were vaccinated at Normandy High School during a three and a half hour period.

"What I witnessed was a great demonstration of what our community can do when it works together as a team," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "I came away from the clinic with a sense of pride and admiration for what we were able to accomplish in keeping healthy nearly a thousand folks living in the region."

The H1N1 clinic organized by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health was open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The clinic also enabled children under 10 years of age who were vaccinated anytime before January 3 to receive their second dose of the vaccine.

"I was extremely pleased with the entire process," said Chris Kippes, Director of Epidemiology for the County Board of Health. "This was a big deal, vaccinating nearly a thousand people in a relatively short amount of time. That's especially satisfying because the H1N1 virus is still circulating and people still need to be vaccinated."

In all, nearly 200 volunteers assisted county health officials by multi-tasking in several areas during the vaccination. The volunteer groups included: the Parma and Parma Heights Fire Departments, the Parma and Parma Heights Police Departments, the Parma Auxiliary Police Department and Law Post, Parma Community General Hospital Health Education Center, Parma City Schools, the Parma Center on Aging, the Community Emergency Response Team from Parma, Garfield Heights, Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Seven Hills, Valley View, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, and Warrensville Heights, and Mount Alverna Village.

"Communities need to know how much we appreciate the help of the volunteers that make this happen," Kippes said. "In no way could we do something like this without them."

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