

*To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County*

Date: October 13, 2009

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## **Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners approves emergency proclamation to bolster H1N1 response**

In support of the H1N1 community vaccination, the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday afternoon approved a proclamation to help ensure an efficient and effective community response. The proclamation expands the number of persons who can administer vaccine.

**The board's proclamation of emergency is an administrative action being taken** that is similar to declarations in Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties, among others.

It is important to ensure that as the vaccine arrives, it is administered as efficiently and in as timely a manner as possible. Doing so will help keep our children healthy and in school, our families focused on their usual activities, health care providers at work, and our businesses operating.

The first shipment of H1N1 vaccine arrived today. Four hundred doses of intranasal vaccine were delivered. Under the proclamation, paramedics and certain emergency medical technicians will be allowed to help vaccinate people, speeding up the effort to vaccinate health care workers and county residents.

Starting next week, public health officials anticipate weekly shipments of the vaccine in both the intranasal and shot forms.

More information about 2009 H1N1 visit [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu) or the Kittitas County Public Health Department web page at [www.co.kittitas.wa.us/response/h1n1.asp](http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/response/h1n1.asp).

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**RESOLUTION 2009 -136**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
H1N1 (SWINE FLU) PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009, H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic has been impacting Kittitas County which has the potential to adversely affect the health of all people in Kittitas County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator of Kittitas County Public Health Department has reported to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners that beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, a life-threatening infectious disease was identified; and

**WHEREAS**, this disease can result in serious impacts to the health and well-being of the public and may overwhelm the health and medical system in Kittitas County; and

**WHEREAS**, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial likelihood of risk to the citizens of Kittitas County and the cities therein unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

**WHEREAS**, set of circumstances now existing demands immediate action to preserve public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability for EMT – IV Techs, EMT – Intermediates, and Paramedics to provide the H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccine to people in Kittitas County is dependent on the ability of the County Health Officer and the County Emergency Medical Services, Medical Program Director to adjust scope of practice which authorization is allowed when an emergency is officially declared; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the County, necessitating activation of the Kittitas County Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1).

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington does resolve as follows:


Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Kittitas County Emergency Management Plan (PLAN), due to the imminent spread of H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic in Kittitas County.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, County departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the PLAN, are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the County, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the PLAN, not to exceed \$ 10,000.00.

Section 3. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate at midnight (first Wednesday following the 90th day after the date this resolution is adopted unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

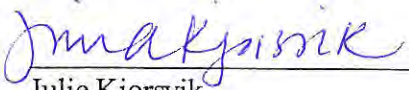
  
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Commissioner Alan Crankovich, Chairman

**ABSENT**


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Commissioner Mark McClain,

  
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Commissioner Paul Jewell



  
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Julie Kjorsvik

Approved as to Form Only  
GREG ZEMPLE  
Prosecuting Attorney

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Recommended by:

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Director of Emergency Services