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TO: Local News Media
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SUBJECT: Flu Vaccination Clinics

Please disseminate the following information at your earliest convenience.

The Ulster County Health Department has additional influenza vaccine which will be made available to residents over 65 years of age and individuals 18 -64 years of age who are at high-risk through the Ulster County Health Department Kingston Office. There will be a limited number of doses available at this time.

Vaccinations will be given by appointment only, by telephoning the Health Department Kingston Office on Wednesday, December 15, beginning at 10 a.m. Individuals should call the Kingston Office for appointment date and time:

Kingston – 340-3070

The Ulster County Health Department will vaccinate those high-risk individuals in accordance with U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) flu vaccine recommendations which are the 'standard of care' in New York State.

Required at the time of appointment will be proof of age and for those between 18-64 years of age a doctor's note stating their risk condition.

Senior citizens who have Medicare Part B benefits will be able to obtain their vaccinations through Medicare. The recipient must be entitled to Part B coverage on the date of service, Medicare Part B must be the primary insurance coverage, and the Medicare Card must be presented on the date of service. For those not eligible for Medicare Part B coverage, there will be a \$20 charge for influenza vaccination; \$25 for Pneumococcal vaccination, payable at appointment.

For recorded information, about the site's phone contact, please call the Ulster County Health Department Flu Hotline at **340-3093** or visit our web site at www.co.ulster.ny.us/health.