GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

The Federal Government has stressed that the H1N1 vaccination campaign must continue. This is in recognition that the H1N1 pandemic is still a threat. The flu season continues until the end of March or early April. Pharmacies provide a valuable resource by administering vaccinations to the community at large, including children down to the age of 9 years old. Paramedics augment the local health departments which need the support due to staff shortages. The need to continue vaccinating the citizens of the State of Illinois is imperative.

Therefore, in the interest of aiding the citizens of Illinois, medical facilities, and the State agencies and local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I hereby proclaim that a public health emergency exists in the State of Illinois.

This gubernatorial proclamation will assist the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health in coordinating State efforts in accordance with the State emergency response plans. This proclamation will allow for modification of scopes of practice for occupations with training to give vaccinations as well as assist with patient treatment.

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Pat Quinn
Governor