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## **Press Release**

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# **State of Oregon Public Health Inquiry Line Answers Questions About the H1N1 Virus**

Columbia County Health District urges residents with questions about the H1N1 Virus, vaccinations sites and clinics to contact the State of Oregon Public Inquiry Line at 1-800-978-3040 for answers to any and all questions regarding the Virus.

Anne Parrott, Columbia County Health Preparedness Coordinator stated that “many County residents are calling local clinics in Columbia County with general questions on the H1N1 Virus, the status of the vaccine supply, and/or flu symptoms”. “The influx of phone calls to local clinics is creating a lot of extra work for our local health care providers who are very busy,” she said. Anne recommends that residents should call 1-800-978-3040 for information.

Residents should contact their health care provider if they are experiencing flu symptoms such as a fever or if they have other extenuating health care issues.