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**ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE MIKE HEIN AND DR. LA MAR HASBROUCK
LAUNCH “VACCINES FOR THE VULNERABLE” CAMPAIGN**

**“Flu vaccinations are latest public health initiative in the Healthy Ulster
Campaign.”**

Kinston, N.Y. -- Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Ulster County Public Health Director Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck visited the Queen’s Galley Soup Kitchen this morning to launch the “Vaccines for the Vulnerable” campaign. This campaign is designed to provide free, seasonal flu vaccinations to Ulster County residents, 19 years of age and older, who are uninsured and otherwise unable to pay for a vaccination. The Ulster County Department of Health staff were also on hand today to provide free vaccinations for Queen’s Galley clients.

“This campaign is founded on the compassion we feel toward our neighbors and our desire to positively impact public health,” said County Executive Mike Hein. “The ‘Vaccines for the Vulnerable’ program offers the flu vaccine to county residents who otherwise could not afford it and furthers our goal of Ulster County becoming the healthiest county in New York State.”

“Vaccine-preventable infections such as flu and pneumonia are a major cause of illness and deaths in New York State, especially among older adults,” said Dr. Hasbrouck. Vaccination is a very effective strategy to reduce illness and death due to these causes, yet a large percentage of adults either do not or cannot take advantage of the protection these vaccinations afford. We cannot achieve our prevention agenda goals without reaching out to everyone in the community.”

In addition to the Queen’s Galley event, Ulster County’s “Vaccines for the Vulnerable” campaign will provide free season flu vaccines, *while supplies last, to eligible Ulster County residents*, at three locations. **Following are the clinic details:**

- **Monday 12/20:** 2:00 pm - 4:00pm, at the Ulster County Department of Health Clinic, 230 Aaron Court, at the Willowbrook Office Complex, Kingston, NY
- **Tuesday 12/21:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm, at the Ulster County Department of Health Clinic, 50 Center Street, Ellenville, NY
- **Wed. 12/22:** 4:00 pm - 6:00pm, at the Ulster County Department of Health Clinic, 230 Aaron Court, at the Willowbrook Office Complex, Kingston, NY

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