



Airport Stresses Healthy Initiatives

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“We can’t change people’s behavior. But, if they want to be healthier, we can help them,” states Aviation Director Craig Smith. Des Moines International Airport (DSM) officials have taken several steps to be proactive in the fight against seasonal flu and the H1N1 strain.

Starting September 14, health care professionals from Wesley Community Services will be back at the Airport making **seasonal flu shots** available for \$20 each. “This has become very popular the last few years. Many look forward to getting their shot here. It is one less errand to run if you are already coming to the Airport,” explains Roy Criss, Airport Spokesperson. The Wesley technicians will be at the Airport September 14 through November 25 from 5:30am-7:30am and 1:00pm-4:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. H1N1 shots may be made available later.

Airport Facilities Superintendant Alan Whitlatch points out, “Our restrooms are virtually touch-free”. He continues, “**Faucets, towels and flushing mechanisms are all automatic, as are the toilet seat covers.**”

Other aspects include:

Good Hygiene posters stationed at each entrance.

Anti germicidal hand soap in restrooms.

All restroom “touch points” are sanitized approximately 18 times per day.

New Hand Sanitizing stations will be positioned throughout the Airport on September 18.

“With so many people passing through the Airport, we have to do all we can to help people keep themselves healthy,” summarizes Director Smith.

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