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Pandemic H1N1 (Swine) Flu Weekly Update for Santa Barbara County

This is a weekly update on the status of H1N1 flu in Santa Barbara County.

Status of H1N1 Flu

H1N1 flu is still prevalent in California and Santa Barbara County. To prevent the spread of H1N1, it is important that residents continue prevention practices, including:

- Get vaccinated
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, especially after direct contact with others and before eating
- Avoid touching mouth, nose and eyes unless hands are recently washed or hand sanitizer is used
- Cover coughs and sneezes and follow with hand cleansing
- Avoid sick people and stay home if you are sick

H1N1 Flu Vaccination

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department will provide two free H1N1 flu vaccination clinics for all residents over the age of 6 months on:

Monday, January 25, 3-7 p.m. at Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

Thursday, January 28, 3-7 p.m. at Santa Maria Fairpark, 937 S. Thornburg St., Santa Maria

H1N1 flu vaccine is also available through many private physicians and clinics. In addition, the Public Health Department will continue to offer free H1N1 vaccinations through our Public Health Clinics. Locations, days and times are listed below:

City	Location	Days and Times
Lompoc	Lompoc Health Clinic 301 N. R Street, Door B	Mondays 1:00 – 4:00 pm Wednesdays 8:00 – 11:00 am
Santa Maria	Santa Maria Health Clinic 2115 S. Centerpointe Parkway	Wednesdays 1:30 – 6:30 pm Fridays 8:30–11:30 am & 1:30–4:30 pm
Santa Barbara	Franklin Public Health Clinic 1136 E. Montecito Street	Tuesdays 8:00 – 11:30 am Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:30 pm
Carpinteria	Veteran’s Hall 941 Walnut Avenue	Thursdays 1:00 – 4:30 pm

Hospitalizations and Deaths of Santa Barbara County Residents

H1N1 Hospitalizations & Deaths of Santa Barbara County Residents			
	Past Total (as of 1/5/10)	New Cases (as of 1/13/10)	Cumulative Total
# hospitalized w/probable & confirmed H1N1	59	2	61
# probable & confirmed H1N1 deaths	8	1	9

Santa Barbara County has had a total of 61 hospitalizations associated with Pandemic H1N1 flu as of January 13, 2010. The first of these hospitalizations occurred in mid-June of last year. Approximately 60% of those hospitalized were females, six of whom were pregnant. The average age of people hospitalized is 29 years old. The total number of deaths in our county has increased to nine. All deaths occurred among individuals with underlying medical conditions.

For more information visit the Public Health Department flu website at www.sbcfluinfo.org or call the H1N1 Public Hotline at 1-888-722-6358. Follow us on twitter at SBCPublicHealth.

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