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Santa Barbara County Receives Additional H1N1 Vaccine Special Community Clinics Planned

The Public Health Department recently received additional doses of H1N1 vaccine. This vaccine is targeted for individuals in our community who are in the high risk groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control. The decision-making for the distribution and administration of vaccine is based on science and data.

The PHD recently received 5,500 doses in multi-dose vials, 3,800 doses of intranasal vaccine, and 700 pediatric, single dose syringes. Only the pediatric doses are preservative free vaccine. The amount is still not sufficient to vaccinate all the members of the high risk groups. Each group identified at highest risk will be able to access vaccine through a designated provider.

The high risk groups are:

- Pregnant women
- All children 6 months through 4 years of age
- Parents of infants 0 – 6 months
- Hospital and other healthcare workers
- Children and young adults with substantial medical conditions

Pregnant women – Pregnant women may obtain vaccine through their obstetricians (OB) or at one of the PHD special community H1N1 vaccine clinics noted below. The name of the woman's OB will be requested.

Children 6 months through 60 months (up to age 5) – Young children may receive vaccine at the PHD community H1N1 vaccine clinics noted below. Verification of the child's birth date will be requested.

Parents of children birth through 6 months of age – Parents of infants may obtain vaccine through the pediatrician of their child or at one of the PHD special community H1N1 vaccine clinics noted below. Verification of the child's birth date will be requested.

Hospital workers – Hospitals workers who have direct regular contact with sick patients will receive the vaccine at work as hospitals will receive vaccine for hospital health care workers directly. Other hospital workers will be eligible to receive vaccine in the near future.

Healthcare workers in outpatient settings – Healthcare workers in primary care outpatient settings who have direct regular contact with sick patients will receive vaccine at one of the PHD special community H1N1 vaccine clinics noted below. Emergency medical services workers (EMT's and Paramedics) must come with documentation of employment, (e.g. in uniform or with badge). Other healthcare workers and health care workers in residential settings will be eligible to receive vaccine in a future vaccine clinic.

Children 5 through 24 years of age with substantial medical conditions – Medically fragile children and young adults who have substantial medical conditions that impair respiratory and immune functions should go to their pediatrician or specialist physician to obtain H1N1 vaccine. Pediatricians and specialists will be provided with vaccine directly.

The special H1N1 community vaccine clinics **for high risk groups** will be held as follows for the groups noted above:

City	Location	Date	Time
Santa Barbara	Earl Warren Showgrounds	Thursday, November 5, 2009	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Santa Maria	Santa Maria Public Health Clinic	Saturday, November 7, 2009	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Lompoc	Lompoc Public Health Clinic	Saturday, November 7, 2009	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Santa Ynez Valley	Veteran's Hall	Monday, November 9, 2009	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Carpinteria	Veteran's Hall	Saturday, November 14, 2009	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

There is no charge for the vaccine. The PHD reserves the right to decide which vaccine type to offer to an individual. The individual has the right to accept or decline the offered vaccine. The PHD cannot assure that there will be a sufficient supply of vaccine to immunize all individuals who come to the immunization clinics.

As we receive more vaccine, additional vaccination clinics will be scheduled. Questions may be directed to the PHD H1N1 Public Hotline at 1-888-722-6358. Additional information is on the PHD website: www.sbcluinfo.org or follow us on twitter at SBCPublicHealth.

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