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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 our County, including the availability of H1N1 vaccine, the number of new hospitalizations and deaths, and any other pertinent H1N1 related information.

H1N1 Flu Vaccine

The Public Health Department and a number of private healthcare providers in Santa Barbara County have received initial shipments of H1N1 flu vaccine for a total of over 60,000 doses. The vaccine has been provided to individuals in high risk groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control up to age 18, as well as to pregnant women, parents of infants, and health care workers.

The Public Health Department is scheduling additional H1N1 flu vaccination clinics to continue to vaccinate:

- ✓ Pregnant women
- ✓ Children 6 months through 18 years
- ✓ Parents of infants 0 – 6 months
- ✓ Healthcare workers who have direct patient contact

H1N1 flu vaccination clinics for the groups identified above have been scheduled as follows:

City	Location	Date	Time
Santa Maria	Santa Maria Public Health Clinic 2115 S. Centerpointe Parkway	Saturday, 11/21/09	9:00 am – 1:00 pm*
Santa Barbara	Earl Warren Showgrounds 3400 Calle Real	Monday, 11/30/09	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm*
Santa Ynez	Veteran’s Hall 1745 Mission Drive	Wednesday, 12/2/09	3:00 pm - 7:00 pm*

* Vaccination clinics will end at the designated time or earlier if vaccine supplies are exhausted.

Adults with at-risk medical conditions should contact their physician or healthcare provider to obtain vaccinations. Other adult groups will be served at future community vaccination clinics when an increased supply of H1N1 vaccine allows the expansion of groups eligible for vaccination. Patience and understanding of the priorities based on those in greatest need with limited supplies, is appreciated.

Hospitalizations and Deaths of Santa Barbara County Residents

H1N1 Hospitalizations & Deaths of Santa Barbara County Residents			
	Past Total	Current¹ Week	Cumulative Total
# hospitalized w/ probable & confirmed H1N1	47	1	48
# probable & confirmed H1N1deaths	3	0	3

Santa Barbara County has had a total of 48 hospitalizations associated with Pandemic H1N1 flu as of November 18, 2009. The first of these hospitalizations occurred in mid-June of this year. This number of hospitalized includes six pregnant women.

The Public Health Department has also been operating an H1N1 flu information phone line where nurses respond to public inquiries in both English and Spanish. Questions may be directed to the PHD H1N1 Public Hotline at 1-888-722-6358. Additional information is on the PHD website: www.sbcfluinfo.org or follow us on twitter at SBCPublicHealth.

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¹ November 12 -November 18, 2009