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Health District expands H1N1 vaccine availability, Dec. 11

LAS VEGAS -- The Southern Nevada Health District will expand 2009 H1N1 vaccine availability to people over the age of 65 with chronic medical conditions as of Friday, Dec. 11. The decision follows a statewide health officers meeting on Wednesday. The health district will hold a special clinic at its 625 Shadow Lane location between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11. No additional services will be available on that day. In addition, an H1N1 immunization clinic will be held between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12. Additional clinics will be scheduled. Information will be updated on the Southern Nevada Health District website, www.SNHD.INFO.

In addition to individuals over the age of 65 with chronic medical conditions, the health district continues to offer the vaccine to all members of the priority groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for immunization against H1N1. The priority groups eligible for vaccine at the health district clinics will include:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old
- People ages of 25 through 64 years of age who are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems

Next week, the health district will offer H1N1 immunizations in its clinic as follows at its Ravenholt Public Health Center, 625 Shadow Lane.

1 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 7- Thursday, Dec. 10
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 11 <i>(Client services usually available at the main office will be suspended Friday, Dec. 11, to accommodate the anticipated demand and clinic traffic)</i>
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 12

Services will still be available at the health district's four neighborhood public health centers on Friday, Dec. 11. Vaccine will only be offered during these special clinics to the priority groups. The 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine is free of charge.

For additional information visit www.SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict.org or www.snhd.info or call the Nevada Helpline, (702) 759-4636 (INFO).