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Flu Shot Clinics Planned as Health District Receives Additional Vaccine

Vaccination of high-risk individuals still timely as no flu activity has been detected in county

(Las Vegas, Nev., - November 23, 2004) – The Clark County Health District has obtained more than 10,000 doses of flu vaccine from the Nevada State Health Division and the Washoe County Health District. Flu shot clinics for high-risk adults will begin Tuesday, November 30 and continue for several days, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., only at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 625 Shadow Lane.

“With no flu activity observed in Clark County this season, there is still time for those at the greatest risk for flu complications to receive protection from the vaccine,” said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer.

The health district will offer influenza vaccine to adults (pediatric doses are not currently available) in the following priority groups identified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- People aged 65 years and older
- Adults with underlying chronic medical conditions
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Health-care workers involved in direct patient care
- Out-of-home caregivers and adult household contacts of children aged <6 months

Methods of payment for flu shots include Medicare Part B, Medicare Railroad Part B, Medicaid, Secure Horizons and Senior Dimensions. Patients must present their insurance card

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or Medicaid voucher at the time of service. For those not covered or without proof of insurance, the cost is \$20.

The district encourages patients to bring documentation of their high-risk status. Prescriptions, a doctor's note or the name and phone number of the patient's physician are acceptable documentation.

For more information on flu vaccine availability, the general public may call the district's flu information line at (702) 385-INFO (4636).

-- Special information for health card applicants --

Due to the flu shot clinics, food handler movies at the Ravenholt Public Health Center have been cancelled for the week of November 29 – December 3. Additional movies are available at the district's East Las Vegas and Cambridge Public Health Centers during this time; however, seating is limited. The district anticipates resuming its regular movie schedule on Monday, December 6. After receiving a health card, food handlers have up to 30 days to attend a movie screening.

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