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Health District to offer free flu shots at the Galleria at Sunset, Dec. 27

LAS VEGAS -- The Southern Nevada Health District will offer free flu shots to shoppers at the Galleria at Sunset mall between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 27. The free clinic will be located on the mall's lower level in front of Dick's Sporting Goods. The health district will offer traditional flu shots and the inhaled FluMist. For information, contact the Southern Nevada Health District's immunization program, (702) 759-0850 or visit www.SNHD.info.

There are no vaccine shortages and the health district encourages everyone to get a flu shot, especially high-risk individuals including people age 50 and over, pregnant women, individuals over the age of six months with chronic medical conditions, health care workers, and household contacts of individuals who are at high risk. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that anyone over the age of six months old should receive an annual flu shot. This year's immunization includes the 2009 H1N1 strain.

The health district encourages healthy people between the ages of two and 49 who are not pregnant to receive the FluMist inhaled immunization, which has been administered for more than five years as an influenza vaccine.

Flu shots and other immunizations are available at the health district's public health centers between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday:

- Ravenholt Public Health Center, 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas
- East Las Vegas Public Health Center, 560 N. Nellis Blvd., Suite E12, Las Vegas
- Henderson Public Health Center, 520 E. Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson
- Mesquite Public Health Center, 830 Hafen Lane, Mesquite, **Tue/Thu 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.**

The Southern Nevada Health District has administered more than 18,000 doses since October. The health district has received reports of 11 confirmed influenza cases as of Dec. 15. Because influenza activity is currently low, there is still time to receive a flu shot to protect against the flu. In Southern Nevada, flu season typically begins in late December and peaks in January or February; the season can continue until May.

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